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Apple Valley

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**CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE AND
EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)**

Program Year 2021-2022

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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.

This 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the Town of Apple Valley's report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) describing the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds during the fifth program year of the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan period, covering July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. HOME funds received are funds awarded to the Consortium between the Town of Apple Valley (Town) and the City of Victorville (City) in which the Town is identified as the lead agency. This CAPER will also describe the use of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, enacted on March 27, 2020 and programmed into the Town's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, as amended.

The Town receives CDBG and HOME funds from HUD on a formula basis each year, and in turn, implements projects and awards grants and loans to nonprofits, for-profits or public organizations for projects in furtherance of the adopted Consolidated Plan. The CDBG and HOME programs generally provide for a wide range of eligible activities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income Town and City of Victorville residents. The CDBG-CV funds provide for eligible activities that prepare for, respond to, and prevent COVID-19 pandemic.

During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town received \$618,678 of CDBG funds and allocated \$525,678 of prior year CDBG funds and \$115,561 in program income received during the program year for a total CDBG budget of \$1,259,917. In addition, the Consortium received \$804,001 in HOME funds. Lastly, the Town previously received a special allocation of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$678,423 to be used exclusively on eligible activities that prepare for, respond to and prevent COVID-19 pandemic. The CDBG-CV funds were programmed during the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. The investment of CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV funds was a catalyst for positive change in the community. Together with other federal, state and local investments, HUD resources allowed the Town and its partners to:

CDBG and HOME Programs

- Provide Suitable Living Environments to residents by:
 - Providing clothing to a total of 158 unduplicated youths.
 - Providing shelter and shelter services to a total of 24 unduplicated residents.
 - Providing assisted living tools/devices to 4 unduplicated disabled adults.
 - Providing food baskets to 843 unduplicated residents.
 - Addressing a total of 3,266 code enforcement cases to address health and safety

concerns.

- Completing the Mendel Park Restroom Project assisting a 8,315 Town residents.
- Purchasing required equipment to prepare for the completion of the James Woody Camera Project which is anticipated to be completed during the 2022-2023 program year. The project will assist a total of 21,780 unduplicated residents.
- Commencing design and engineering efforts for the bidding out of the Village North Sidewalk Project which is anticipated to assisted 6,000 unduplicated residents.
- Commencing design and engineering efforts for the bidding out of the Hilltop House Demolition Project.
- Providing Affordable Housing assistance to four (4) owner occupied eligible households with financial assistance to rehabilitate their single-family residence under the Town's Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRP).
- Providing Economic Opportunities to four (4) eligible microenterprise businesses who have five (5) or fewer employees, including the owner(s), with financial assistance to pay for rental and utility arrears through the release of the Town's Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP).
- Furthering Fair Housing Objectives in Consortia by providing fair housing services to a total of 10 unduplicated residents.

CDBG-CV Program

- Responding to COVID-19 by providing six (6) eligible small businesses who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 and who have more than five (5) employees, including the owner(s), with financial assistance to pay for rental and utility arrears through the release of the Town's Emergency Business Assistance Program (EBAP)

Table 1 provides a summary of the five-year accomplishments for the period ending June 30, 2022, arranged by each of the Strategic Plan Goals included in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan.

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
Provide Suitable Living Environments	Homeless/ Non- Homeless/ Special Needs	CDBG: \$337,218	Public services activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	150	0	0%	0	0	0%
				Persons Assisted	0	4,261	4,261%	0	0	0%
			Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	35	6	17%	0	0	0%
			Public Facility Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	81,253	81,253%	8,315	8,315	100%
				Buildings Demolished	0	0	0%	1	0	0%
			Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	1,001	1,001%	310	1,001	323%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$453,989 HOME: \$238,530 Apple Valley HOME: \$485,071 Victorville <i>(accomplishments not included in table)</i>	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Households Assisted	450	33	7%	50	4	8%
			Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	356	356%	21	24	114%
			Housing Code Enforcement /Foreclosed Property Care	Cases	0	8,757	8,757%	2,000	3,266	163%
			Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	65	0	0%	0	0	0%
			Rental Units Constructed	Household Assisted	0	0	0%	1	0	0%
			Other	Mobile Home	0	0	0%	1	0	0%

Goal	Category	Source/ Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected Strategic Plan	Actual Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected Program Year	Actual Program Year	Percent Complete
Expand Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Jobs Created/ Retained	Jobs	150	0	0%	0	0	0%
			Businesses Assisted	Businesses Assisted	25	5	20%	0	4	4%
Further Fair Housing Objectives in Consortia	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$321,863	Public services activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	250	927	371%	79	14	18%
			Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	0%	6,000	0	0%
Administration	N/A	CDBG: \$146,847 HOME: \$80,400	Other	Other	2	2	100%	2	2	100%
COVID-19 Response	Public Services Economic Development Planning and Administration Housing	CDBG-CV: \$0	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	15	7	47%	0	7	7%

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

During the program year, the Town and its housing and community development partners made progress on several 2021-2022 activities as well as some multi-year activities that continued during the program year. All CDBG funded activities addressed specific high priority objectives identified in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan.

The six (6) CDBG-funded Public Service activities served approximately 1,039 residents throughout the program year. These services included, but were not limited to, fair housing services, homeless shelter and shelter related services, youth services, food bank/distribution and other public services.

Secondly, the Town was able to make great strides on its capital improvement projects. During the program year, the Town was able to complete construction of the Mendel Restroom Project which assisted a total of 8,315 residents. The Town purchased the necessary equipment required for the James Woody Camera Project which is anticipated to be completed during the 2022-2023 program year. The Town was able to commence design and engineering efforts in preparation of bidding out the Village North Sidewalk Project and Hilltop House Demolition Project.

In addition, a substantial amount of CDBG and HOME funds were allocated to Community Development housing programs, more specifically RRP activities to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and provide housing preservation that directly supports affordable housing. Through the combination of CDBG and HOME funds, the Town was able to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to four (4) households.

Lastly, the Town allocated \$660,000 in prior CDBG funds to its Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) and \$542,739 in CDBG-CV funds to its Emergency Business Assistance Program (EBAP). Both programs were designed to assist eligible business with financial assistance to pay for rental and utility arrears, amongst other eligible business expenses required to address impacts from COVID-19 (please note, the MAP did not require a COVID-19 tie-back). During the program year, the Town was able to assist four (4) businesses under the MAP and six (6) businesses under the EBAP. Job creation/retention accomplishment data under the EBAP will be reported in the 2022-2023 CAPER.

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	HOME
White	766	0
Black or African American	124	0
Asian	18	0
American Indian or American Native	15	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Other	116	0
Total	1,039	0
Hispanic	456	0
Not Hispanic	583	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic population by source of funds
(Data only includes Public Service activities)

Narrative

Table 2 provides an aggregate of race and ethnicity data for persons and households served during the program year based on accomplishment data from all CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME activities reported in HUD’s Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). For more detailed demographic information by project or activity for CDBG, refer to report PR-03 in **Appendix C**.

Based on the information in **Table 2**, a diverse array of persons and households benefitted from CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funded housing, public facilities and public service activities during the program year.

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	CDBG	\$1,259,917	\$827,309.52*
CDBG-CV	CDBG-CV	\$678,423	\$295,509.24*
HOME	HOME	\$804,001	\$286,612.67*

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

*Amount based on PR07 for period spanning 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022.

Narrative

The federal, state, local and private resources available for the implementation of projects during the 2021-2022 program year are identified in **Table 3**. The CDBG resources include \$618,678 of formula grant funds, \$115,562 in program income and \$525,677 in prior year funds. The CDBG-CV resources include \$678,423 of formula grant funds allocated during the 2020-2021 program year. The HOME resources include \$804,001 of formula grant funds to be allocated to projects in the 2021-2022 Action Plan.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Townwide	71.3%	71.3%	Administration, Public Service, RRP, Village North Sidewalk, Mobile Home Disposition
CDBG Low- and Moderate-Income Area	14.3%	14.3%	Mendel Restroom,
Code Enforcement Service Area	4.8%	4.8%	Code Enforcement
Spot Blight	9.6%	9.6%	Hilltop House Demolition

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town allocated 76.1% of funds that went towards activities that were targeted Townwide. These activities included all public service activities administered by the Town in conjunction with its non-profits and Town ran programs such as Code Enforcement, Residential Rehabilitation Program and Microenterprise Assistance Program.

Of the total Public Service expenditures in the amount of \$58,444 as reported on the PR26 report included in Appendix C, a total of \$0 went towards activities that prepared for, prevented or responded to the Coronavirus, thus reducing the Town’s Public Service CAP below the maximum 15%.

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.

To address housing and community development needs, the Town leverages its CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME entitlement grants with a variety of funding resources to maximize the effectiveness of available funds such as appropriate state, local and private resources.

The Town and its subrecipients were able to leverage CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds to address identified needs in the plan. The Town, as part of a Consortium, has been identified by HUD as a fiscally distressed jurisdiction and was granted a 100-percent match reduction for the 2021-2022 program year.

Other examples of funds that were leveraged but difficult to account include but are not limited to those listed below:

Federal Resources

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- HUD Veterans Affairs supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)
- Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Youthbuild
- Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Department of Transportation Grants
- Department of Energy Grants
- Federal Highway Administration

State Resources

- State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN)
- CalHome Program
- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
- Housing Related Parks Grant
- CalHFA Single and Multi-Family Program

- Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Funding
- Prop 47 – Board of State & Community Corrections
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Local Resources

- San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP)
- Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB)
- Southern California Home Financing Authority (SCHFA) Funding
- San Bernardino County Continuum of Care Program
- General Fund

Private Resources

- Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
- Community Reinvestment Act Programs
- United Way Funding
- Private Contributions

Matching Requirements

The HOME Program requires a 25-percent match based on funding expenditures. The HOME statute allows for a reduction of the match contribution requirement under three conditions: 1) Fiscal distress; 2) Severe fiscal distress; and 3) Presidentially declared major disasters covered under the Stafford Act. The Town, as part of a Consortium, has been identified by HUD as a fiscally distressed jurisdiction and has therefore been granted a 100-percent match reduction for the 2021-2022 program year.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	\$0.00
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	\$0.00
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	\$0.00
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$0.00
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	\$0.00

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
N/A	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
\$160,011.75	\$132,871.94	\$255,486.39	\$0.00	\$37,397.30

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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	50	4
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	50	4

Table 11 – 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	50	4
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	50	4

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

In the 2021-2022 Action Plan adopted on May 11, 2021, and subsequently amended on March 8, 2022, the Town established a one-year goal of completing a total of 50 housing rehabilitations through its RRP. During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town completed a total of four (4) housing rehabilitations.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The Town of Apple Valley successfully completed four (4) RRP's during the 2021-2022 program year. The Town will continue to work toward its five-year goals in housing preservation using CDBG and HOME funds. The Town will continue to work diligently on designing and completing its open capital improvement projects during the 2022-2023 program year.

During the preparation of this plan, the Town identified the need to fund activities that will drawdown funds in a timely manner. For this reason, the Town will be looking at programming additional funds to its existing RRP and shovel ready capital improvement projects.

Lastly, the Town will continue to allocate HOME funds to its RRP and CHDO funded activities to help address the high need for housing preservation and to provide its residents with affordable housing opportunities.

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 Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	1	0
Low-income	1	0
Moderate-income	2	0
Non-Low-Moderate Income	0	0
Total	4	0

Table 13 – Number of Households Served
(Data provided for HRP)

Narrative Information

The 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan identified high priority affordable housing needs including transitional shelters; affordable housing for multi-family, single family, veterans; rehabilitation; owner occupied and rental; down payment assistance; code enforcement activity to improve neighborhood aesthetics and values; reduce overcrowding in occupied properties; considering establishing rent control for affordability; encouraging collaboration between public agencies, developers, investors and other stakeholders to develop a wide-range of housing development.

During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town invested CDBG funds to rehabilitate four (4) properties of which two (2) fell below 50% of the area median income (AMI) and two (2) below 80% of AMI.

The Town attempts to meet the needs of worst-case housing needs (defined as low-income renters who experience sever cost burden, seriously substandard housing, or involuntary displacement), through the Town’s collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) who provides Housing Choice Vouchers to income eligible residents. In addition, the Town received HOME ARP funds and will potentially look at allocating funds towards Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to help reduce tenant’s cost burden.

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

Preventing and ending homelessness is a HUD priority addressed nationally through coordination of regional strategies carried out locally by government agencies and a wide variety of community-based organizations and faith-based groups. Consistent with this approach, the Town supports the efforts of San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) and its member organizations that address homelessness throughout the County. In alignment with these strategies, the Town has allocated CDBG dollars to support local service providers such as High Desert Homeless Service, Inc. who provided shelter and shelter services to prevent homelessness and to preserve the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents.

In 2019, the State of California enacted the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP – Round 1), which was a \$650 million block grant program to provide one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to move homeless individuals and families into permanent housing. The local recipient of these funds was the local CoC and the County. Subsequently, Round 2 was released, which provided \$300 million for supporting local jurisdictions continue to build on regional collaboration developed through previous rounds of Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) funding and to develop a unified regional response to homelessness. Applications for Round 3 funding, which will provide \$1 billion in grant funding, opened to eligible applicants in February of 2022, with the deadline scheduled to close on June 30th of 2022. The third round of funding provides local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities.

The State of California has approved several other grant programs directed at addressing homelessness. The No-Place-Like-Home (NPLH) Program awarded \$2 billion to counties for the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or at risk of chronic homelessness. Through this program, Counties must commit to provide mental health services and help coordinate access to other community-based supportive services. Applications for Round 4 funding of the NPLH Program closed in mid-January of 2022. The Program expects to announce the awardees of the funds by June 2022. The State currently provides grants to counties through its Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program for permanent supportive

housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal program. The goal of the HHC program is to reduce the financial burden on local and state resources due to the overutilization of emergency departments, inpatient care, nursing home stays and use of corrections systems and law enforcement resources as the point of health care provision for people who are chronically homeless or homeless and a high-cost health user. Applicants who were previously awarded by the program for existing projects were funded in Spring of 2022. New applicants are anticipated to be awarded by the end of June 2022.

The CoC completed the inventory of existing access centers in the County noting the locations of each access center. The CoC also conducts informational outreach presentations concerning homelessness in the County.

In 2014 the County Sheriff's Department created a specific unit to engage the homeless. The mission of the Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement (H.O.P.E.) program takes a pro-active approach intended to ultimately reduce calls for service and other resources currently required to address the homeless population. The program also aims to balance pro-active outreach with enforcement of the law, while connecting members of the homeless population with resources that may help them transition from homelessness. The ultimate goal is to reduce the rate of recidivism and reduce the current costs associated to homeless related crime.

According to the Homelessness Action Plan, A Multi-Jurisdictional Approach in San Bernardino County, adopted in September 2019, the CoC is in the process of implementing several regional strategies that will enhance local coordination to assist people more effectively in need. To identify and assess people experiencing homelessness; the CoC has been working to create regional homeless access centers that will offer fully coordinated systems of outreach and will facilitate universal assessment, intake, referral and transportation to resources more rapidly. Collectively these strategies will help minimize duplication of efforts and better connect the most vulnerable individuals and families, chronically homeless, and people at risk of becoming homeless to appropriate resources.

In July 2021, the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program was provided \$5.2 billion to cover 100% of past-due rent going as far back as April 2020, as well as current utility bills. The program assisted both landlords and tenants. By covering 100% of the rent owed by the tenants, the program helped to prevent tenants from being evicted and potentially homeless. The San Bernardino County Rent Relief Partnership (SBCRRP) functioned similarly to the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. The SBCRRP covered 12 months of past-due rent, as well as utilities, going as far back as March 13, 2020. The SBCRRP shared the same goal as the CA COVID-19 RRP by protecting tenants from eviction and potential homelessness. As of March 31, 2022, the Program was no longer accepting new applications, but continued to assist applicants whose applications

were submitted before the deadline. Eviction protections in the state of California were extended for those whose applications were submitted before the deadline, protecting them through June 30, 2022.

Established in March of 2020, Project Roomkey provided a place outside a hospital to stay for those who are homeless as well as those recovering from and who were currently exposed to COVID-19. The program collaborated with the State and County to secure hotel and motel rooms to be used for these purposes. This program provided sheltering options for the homeless, seeks to protect human life, and minimized the capacity strain found within the health care system. The Program is scheduled to end by September 30th, 2022.

Through Project Roomkey; Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP); HHAP CV funds and Continuum of Care, the region has assisted with housing and sheltering 2,000 unduplicated individuals since March 2020, nearly 800 of whom were referred to permanent housing. Project Homekey services included the Pacific Village project, which provided long-term interim shelter to 33 individuals in 28 units while the All-Star Lodge project provided long-term shelter to 50 individuals in 38 units.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The ultimate solution to ending homelessness is transitional to permanent housing closely aligned with supportive services that ensure housing stability can be maintained. However, because the demand for affordable housing far outpaces the region's supply, the CoC continues to rely on its emergency and transitional housing system to address the immediate needs of County's homeless population.

The CoC is improving the efficacy of emergency shelters and the access system including their seasonal emergency shelters and the County's three (3) Cold Weather Shelter facilities, the closest being in the City of San Bernardino.

For transitional housing, the CoC recognizes a need to maintain a level of transitional housing for the target populations that benefit most from a staged approach to housing, such as mentally ill and chronically homeless individuals. While the CoC continues to support transitional housing in special circumstances, the CoC is currently examining ways to shorten stays in emergency shelters and transitional housing so that resources may be used for rapid rehousing or placement in permanent supportive housing.

In addition, the Town will continue to look at the use of CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds for local homeless facilities, as funding needs are analyzed. The Town modified the zoning designations as a program in a previous cycle to include Single-Room Occupancy, Homeless Shelters and Transitional/Supportive Housing in Ordinance No. 405 adopted on April 27, 2010. In addition to this modification, the Town recently added the Village Commercial zone, in addition

to the Service Commercial zone, as zones that would allow homeless shelters with approval of a SUP in Ordinance No. 425 adopted on November 8, 2011. According to the Town's Draft Housing Element Update dated April 5, 2021, the Town shall encourage the development of Homeless Shelters, Transitional Housing and Single Room Occupancy by complying with Government Code Section 65583, which requires these uses to be identified in the Development Code. Application fee waivers shall also be given to these projects proposed in the Town. However, no such facilities were proposed during the 2014-2021 planning period and, therefore, no application fee waivers were granted.

In nearby City of Victorville, the Wellness Center Campus will be the first of its kind in San Bernardino County. The project was awarded and commenced construction in the 2021-2022 program year and is anticipated to be completed in December 2022. The Campus is anticipated to play a critical role in helping homeless individuals stabilize and rebuild their lives. The Campus will provide 170 beds and will allow the Wellness Center to serve several functions by providing a low-barrier emergency shelter, recuperative care facility, medical clinic, interim housing and wrap around supportive services such as case management, care coordination, job training/placement and housing navigation.

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

An individual or family is considered at-risk of becoming homeless if it experiences extreme difficulty maintaining their housing and has no reasonable alternatives for obtaining subsequent housing. Homelessness often results from a complex set of circumstances that require people to choose between food, shelter and other basic needs. Examples of common circumstances that can cause homelessness include eviction, loss of income, insufficient income, disability, increase in the cost of housing, discharge from an institution, irreparable damage or deterioration to housing, and fleeing from family violence.

The most effective and cost-efficient means to addressing homelessness is to prevent episodes of homelessness from occurring in the first place. The County's current CoC system encourages services aimed at reducing incidences of homelessness, including:

- Emergency Rental (Rapid Rehousing assistance) and Utility Assistance: Short-term financial assistance to prevent eviction and utility shut-off.

- Credit Counseling: Financial counseling and advocacy to assist households to repair credit history.
- Legal/Mediation Services: Tenant-landlord legal/mediation services to prevent eviction.
- Food Banks and Pantries: Direct provision of food, toiletries and other necessities.
- Transportation Assistance: Direct provision of bus vouchers and other forms of transportation assistance.
- Clothing Assistance: Direct provision of clothing for needy families and individuals.
- Prescription/Medical/Dental Services: Direct provision of prescription, medical and dental services.
- Workforce Development: Direct provision of job training services designed to develop and enhance employment skills, as well as to help clients secure and retain living wage jobs.
- Information & Referral Services: Direct provision of 24-hour/7-days-a-week call center services to provide health and human service information to at-risk populations.
- Recuperative care for homeless individuals who become ill or injured.

The Town will continue to work with and refer residents to the County's Department of Behavioral Health to ensure residents are provided the immediate attention and services they require to prevent homelessness and encourage self-sufficiency.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many households have been affected and are at risk of becoming homeless. Furthermore, AB-2179 extended eviction protections through the end of June 2022 for those who had applied for the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program and were waiting for their applications to be processed by the program. In addition, to prevent the surge of foreclosures and homelessness, lenders have allowed mortgagors to enter into forbearance, a process by which a mortgagor temporarily pauses or reduces their mortgage payment due to financial struggles.

In nearby City of Victorville, the Wellness Center Campus will be the first of its kind in San Bernardino County. The project was awarded and commenced construction in the 2021-2022 program year and is anticipated to be completed in December 2022. The Campus is anticipated to play a critical role in helping homeless individuals stabilize and rebuild their lives. The Campus will allow the Wellness Center to serve several functions by providing a low-barrier emergency shelter, recuperative care facility, medical clinic, interim housing and wrap around supportive services such as case management, care coordination, job training/placement and housing navigation.

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 Town participates in the County's CoC, which provides funding and a network of resources to address homelessness. The CoC provides emergency shelter, supportive services, transitional housing and permanent housing. Victorville, as part of the Consortia with the Town, commits staff to the CoC planning and implementation process, and provides the CoC Steering Committee critical information regarding the types of resources and programs the Consortia currently funds that assist the homeless.

Locally, the Town works with High Desert Homeless Services, Inc. (HDHS). This organization is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, located in the High Desert that have been assisting homeless persons in the Town for decades. The mission of this agency is to assist residents of the Victor Valley and High Desert area of the County who are have been displaced from long-term housing due to natural disaster or loss of income, and to assist non-residents by providing short-term emergency shelter.

Lastly, efforts are also underway at the regional level to shorten the period individuals and families experience homelessness and to prevent individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again. The 2-1-1 regularly works with public service agencies to analyze the resources and funding being used to operate transitional housing programs and consider how these resources could be used more in alignment with the best practices (i.e., rapid re-housing and permanent housing) for ending homelessness. Many transitional housing providers are working to End Homelessness, to evaluate strategies to lower program threshold requirements, and improve outcomes including shorter shelter stays and more rapid transitions to permanent housing. The County also encourages the importance of increasing the number of permanent supportive housing units within its jurisdiction and increase in rapid rehousing assistance which helps individuals and families quickly exit homelessness to permanent housing without any preconditions for obtaining assistance (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety). With the effects of COVID-19 and the rise in housing costs, the efforts of the State, County and local jurisdictions will need to be of the upmost importance to help prevent the rise in homelessness.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Town does not administer Section 8 and does not own HUD Public Housing units; however, the Town is within the service area of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) for the purposes of Section 8 and Public Housing. The HACSB manages a total of 10,508 rental assistance program units (privately owned with rent subsidies paid directly to owners by the Housing Authority), 99 units of public housing (units owned and managed by the Housing Authority) and 2,135 housing authority-owned units (units owned by the Housing Authority or acquired through developments) through its offices in Barstow, Chino, Colton, Redlands, San Bernardino, Victorville and Upland (2020 HACSB Annual Report).

To enhance the quality of HUD Public Housing units, HACSB continued to work towards converting existing HUD Public Housing units under HACSB's management and control to Section 8 units as part of HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. By the end of 2019, HACSB had converted its entire original portfolio of public housing under RAD, with the 98-unit Los Olivos development in Upland finalizing its conversion in May 2022 (*FY 2023 Moving to Work Annual Plan, HACSB*)

HACSB continues to maintain and expand the supply of affordable housing units in the Town and throughout the County through its partnerships with the State of California and San Bernardino County Department of Community Development and Housing. As the largest provider of affordable housing in San Bernardino County, HACSB assists approximately 25,000 people, most of whom are seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and children. More than 10,600 families are served through housing assistance payments made to landlords on behalf of the families. Other families reside in units owned and managed by HACSB. These programs provide a critical safety net for families in the County.

In late 2021, the San Bernardino County and Related California executives celebrated the grand opening of the third phase of the Bloomington Affordable Housing Community located on 5 acres and containing 98 new affordable housing units. The development will also include a new 8,500-square foot public park and community center that will provide facilities and services for the future public park that will be located to the north of the development, slated for completion in 2022. The development is an integral piece to the overall countywide neighborhood revitalization spearheaded by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (County Wire, December 2021).

In the fall of 2017, HACSB celebrated the grand opening of the Olive Meadow Affordable Housing Community, consisting of 62 high-quality affordable homes representing the first phase of the Arrowhead Grove Housing Community Revitalization Project (formerly the Waterman Gardens Affordable Housing Community Project). Construction on Crestview Terrace, the second on site

phase of the Arrowhead Grove mixed-income housing development, was completed in August 2021 with the project officially opening in January 2022. The Arrowhead Grove Housing Community Revitalization Project was awarded \$20 million in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program funds, \$55 million in tax-exempt bond allocations and \$22.5 million in low-income tax credits. The newest construction provided 184 mixed-income family apartments comprised of 147 affordable one- to four-bedroom family units, 35 market-rate units and 2 units for property managers, *FY 2023 Moving to Work Annual Plan, HACSB*).

Fully leased in 2020, Golden Apartments in Victorville is the first permanent supportive housing development to house and serve homeless individuals. The project converted a dilapidated property consisting of 21 two-bedroom units into a fully renovated apartment complex consisting of 38 one-bedroom flats with amenities including a community room, counseling meeting spaces for on-site social services, laundry facilities and outdoor patio for the chronically homeless (*HACSB 2020 Annual Report*). Similarly, the 61 rooms at Desert Haven were converted to a 31-unit single or double occupancy apartment complex for the chronically homeless. Both developments utilized the Housing First approach to help residents become self-sufficient, (*HACSB 2018 & 2019 Annual Report*). Combined, these developments provided 69 units of housing for homeless individuals, (*HACSB 2020 Annual Report*).

HACSB made formal commitments to assist AMCAL Multi-Housing Inc., with project-based vouchers to support the construction of affordable family units in Colton, Las Terrazas. Las Terrazas Apartments is an affordable multi-family apartment complex currently in development in unincorporated San Bernardino. The family community of 112 units will range in size from 525 to 1,020 net livable feet. The building mix will consist of five residential building, one community building and one childcare building, all constructed on one six-acre site. The development is anticipated to be completed in 2022.

HACSB and affiliate nonprofit Housing Partners I, Inc. continue to work with ONXY Architects to complete construction documents by early 2020 to implement the 104-unit second phase of affordable family units at Valencia Grove site in Redlands. The groundbreaking of Phase II of the project is expected to occur in 2022, *FY 2023 Moving to Work Annual Plan, HACSB*).

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

HACSB encourages residents to be actively involved in the community and in the management of public housing developments through Resident Advisory Board (RAB) and numerous opportunities for feedback such as community meetings and surveys to help review and discuss critical issues that affect residents and program participants. The RAB may include a mix of participants from the Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program, Project Based Voucher Program,

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), and the Tenant-Based Voucher Program. In addition, HACSB and the Town also actively encourage and promote public housing residents to explore homeownership opportunities and programs through HACSB's Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) targeted at current residents. HACSB also encourages and supports residents in participating in homebuyer counseling programs and recommends residents use the family self-sufficiency escrow account to save money towards homeownership. Under the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, participants develop a five-year training and service plan that outlines the steps to become employed, increase their earnings, and become independent of government assistance. Upon graduation of the FSS Program, graduates can use the escrow account funds towards homeownership (*HACSB 2018 Annual Report*).

Under the Housing Authority's HAP program, families are provided mortgage assistance for up to 15 years for working families and up to 30 years for disabled families. A total of 251 families have become homeowners through the program since 2000 (*HACSB 2020 Annual Report*).

In addition, the Town also provides several resources on services for foreclosure prevention and counseling.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable. HACSB is considered a High Performing PHA.

Discussion

HACSB is well-positioned to maintain and expand the supply of affordable housing units in the Town and throughout the County through its partnerships with the State of California, San Bernardino County Department of Community Development and Housing, the Town, and other cities throughout the county.

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 State of California requires the Town, through its Housing Element, to provide an analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints (public policy) upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels and for persons with disabilities, including land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures. Based on the review of the Town's most recent Housing Elements, the Town does not have any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment.

State law requires that the Housing Element be updated every four (4) to eight (8) years. The Housing Element, upon each update, is reviewed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for consistency with state law. Since the update of the Town's Housing Element is due during the implementation of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Town will include in its Annual Action Plan any update of any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment.

The Town has prepared and implemented the following strategies during the 2021-2022 program year to remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing:

- Ensure that all HUD-funded programs are marketed in high poverty areas within their jurisdiction in manners that will be accessible to residents to ensure that the low-income residents and high poverty neighborhoods have best access to all program activities.
- Use CDBG funds to carry out non-housing activities (such as public works, public services, and economic development) in areas of high poverty. This may include carrying out activities Consortium-wide but promoting services in those areas or electing to target activities in these areas.
- Actively monitor new funding opportunities for additional community development and affordable housing activities. Unless there is a specific justification not to apply, the Town shall apply for these funding streams.
- Fund and promote fair housing training for tenants, homebuyers and potential homebuyers to ensure that residents are fully informed of their rights as it relates to housing.

- Fund and promote fair housing training for landlords and realtors to ensure that they understand the fair housing requirements and rights of tenants and homebuyers.
- In collaboration with the fair housing provider for the Town, maintain a page on the Town website that provides access to fair housing resources and documents. Further, collaborate with the fair housing provider to promote trainings and other fair housing related events.
- Establish and maintain a list of all housing and community development resources that is updated annually. This list may include services such as grant or loan programs for reasonable modifications and access to program such as Meals on Wheels.

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

A major obstacle for the Town in meeting underserved needs is the lack of adequate financial resources to meet the growing needs of low and moderate-income persons. To address this obstacle, the Town invested CDBG and HOME funds through the 2021-2022 Action Plan in projects that provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners for home improvements, projects that provide public and neighborhood services to low- and moderate-income people and those with special needs, and programs that prevent homelessness. To address underserved needs, the Town allocated a majority of its non-administrative CDBG percent of its investments for program year 2021-2022 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

The Town will continue to expand its housing programs to meet the growing need for affordable housing. In addition, the Town will continue to use CDBG funding to support public service agencies that address the special needs of the underserved, including the homeless, the potential homeless, the youth, seniors, female-headed families, victims of domestic violence, and the disabled. The Town is also proactively seeking additional resources to meet the underserved needs including funds from the State of California under their Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA).

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

The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) emphasizes prevention of childhood lead poisoning through housing-based approaches. This strategy requires the Town to implement programs that protect children living in older housing from lead hazards. In addition, the County administers the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) that seeks to eliminate childhood lead-based paint (LBP) poisoning by caring for lead-poisoned children and identifying and eliminating sources of lead exposure. Services provided include educating the community to increase awareness of potential danger of children's exposure to

lead, environmental screenings, public health nurse case management and monitoring child health providers to ensure lead testing in high-risk children. In addition, the CLPPP maintains an electronic surveillance system that enables collection, analysis and dissemination of information about childhood lead poisoning. Laboratory, case management and environmental data are collected which provide the basis for case and exposure source evaluation and summary statistics.

Types of housing not covered include: a) housing built after January 1, 1978, when LBP was banned for residential use; b) housing exclusively for seniors or people with disabilities, unless a child under age six (6) is expected to reside there; c) zero-bedroom dwellings, including efficiency apartments, single-room occupancy housing, dormitories or military barracks; d) property that has been found to be free of LBP by a certified ILBP inspector; e) property where all LBP has been removed; f) unoccupied housing that will remain vacant until it is demolished; g) non-residential property; h) any rehabilitation or housing improvement that does not disturb a painted surface; and, i) emergency homeless assistance, unless the assistance lasts more than 100 days, in which case the rule does apply.

The Town's RRP states that properties constructed prior to 1978 may require a LBP testing. LBP notification and information will be given to occupants. All properties will be inspected for defective paint surfaces and if test results show defective paint surfaces found, the homeowner will be required to properly abate such surfaces. Abatement of such hazards are eligible under the Town's RRP.

The Town will continue to maintain policies and procedures to increase access to housing without LBP hazards. Funding is not provided until it is determined properties are free of LBP hazards. Types of properties covered include: a) federally-owned housing being sold; b) housing receiving a federal subsidy that is associated with the property, rather than with the occupants (project based assistance); c) public housing; d) housing occupied by a family (with a child) receiving a tenant-based subsidy (such as a voucher or certificate); e) multifamily housing for which mortgage insurance is being sought; and, f) housing receiving federal assistance for rehabilitation, reducing homelessness, and other special needs. To reduce LBP hazards, the Town takes the following actions:

- Include lead testing and abatement procedures, if necessary, in all residential rehabilitation activities for units built prior to January 1, 1978.
- Monitor the lead-poisoning data maintained by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBDPS).
- Educate residents on the health hazards of LBP through brochures and encourage screening children for elevated blood-lead levels.

- Disseminate brochures about lead hazards through organizations such as IFHMB and the Town's RRP.

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

The implementation of CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME activities meeting the goals established during the 2021-2022 program year helped to reduce the number of poverty-level families by:

- Providing suitable living environments.
- Enhancing the quality of life for residents by encouraging decent and affordable housing.
- Expanding economic opportunities.
- Preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

In addition to these local efforts, mainstream state and federal resources also contribute to reducing the number of individuals and families in poverty. Federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Head Start provide a pathway out of poverty for families who are ready to pursue employment and educational opportunities. Additionally, in California, the primary programs that assist families in poverty are CalWORKs, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and Medi-Cal. Together, these programs provide individuals and families with employment assistance, subsidy for food, medical care, childcare and cash payments to meet basic needs such as housing, nutrition and transportation. Other services are available to assist persons suffering from substance abuse, domestic violence and mental illness.

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

The institutional delivery system in the Town is high-functioning and collaborative—particularly the relationship between local government and the nonprofit sector comprised of a network of capable non-profit organizations that are delivering a full range of services to residents. Strong Town departments anchor the administration of HUD grant programs and the housing and community activities that are implemented in the Town. Listed below are specific actions that the Town and Consortia plan to take to develop institutional structure:

- The Town will continue to foster and maintain relationships with other agencies to establish an institutional structure that maximizes its resources. The Town's institutional structure will consist of public agencies, for-profit agencies, and non-profit organizations.
- To address housing needs, the Town will continue to partner with the City of Victorville in a Consortia to receive HOME funds.
- The Town will continue to work with the County to provide affordable housing opportunities to extremely low and low-income renters in the Town and City of

Victorville.

- The Town will continue to work with the San Bernardino Office of Homeless Services, as well as Family Assistance Program, High Desert Homeless Services, and Cedar House Life Change Center to address homeless needs.
- The Town will also work with the agencies and internal departments to bridge any identified gaps in the service delivery system. The Town receives quarterly reports from each funded agency and internal department(s) about ongoing services they provide.
- The Town anticipates holding public meetings to solicit input regarding needs of the community.

These efforts provide for regional collaboration to better serve our community and enhances coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the Town will continue consulting with and inviting the participation of a wide variety of agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of housing and supportive services to low- and moderate-income residents —particularly the CDBG Target Areas.

The HACSB is the principal provider of public and assisted housing within the jurisdiction. To enhance coordination between the agency, the Town within the Consortia developed an 18-question housing authority questionnaire, with the purpose of assessing the public housing needs of the jurisdiction as well as the service needs of current public assisted residents. The questionnaire and responses are contained as an attachment to the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan.

Per the HACSB's questionnaire, the most immediate needs of residents of public housing or Housing Choice Vouchers is the need for additional funding to assist wait listed residents, as evidenced by the over 40,000 families on Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing waiting lists combined. The Town will continue to coordinate with the HACSB to provide public housing assistance for its below moderate residents.

Lastly, the Town is committed to enhancing coordination among private and governmental health, mental health and services agencies. The jurisdictions will also continue to coordinate with health social service agencies through the provision of technical assistance workshops during the Request for Funding stages of the Consolidated and Action Plan Process.

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 Town's adopted 2017 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan included two (2) high priority and one (1) moderate fair housing issues:

- Evidence of illegal discrimination or violations of civil rights laws, regulations, guidance, especially for individuals with disabilities who were disproportionately discriminated higher than other protected groups (high priority).
- Racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPs) in the jurisdiction and region of which within these neighborhoods, Hispanics experienced highest rate of housing cost burden, overcrowding, and substandard housing when compared to other groups in the Consortia (high priority).
- Segregation and significant disparities in access to opportunities for Hispanics in the Consortia's eastern and higher opportunity neighborhoods existed (moderate).

During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town worked directly with its fair housing service provider, IFHMB on the high priority fair housing issues to affirmatively further fair housing choice through the implementation of recommendations contained within the AFH Plan. To address the needs of community, the Town completed the following:

- Collectively the Town and IFHMB have mediated with landlords to address impediments concerning disabled tenants by encouraging landlords to install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps and parking stalls, rehabilitating units to be more ADA compliant and relocating disabled tenants to first floor units as they became available.
- The Town has increased its advertising and promoting of events that provide fair housing services on the Town's Webpage Events Calendar as well as making Fair Housing brochures readily accessibility at Town Hall both in English and Spanish. Through its fair housing workshops (conducted virtually due to COVID-19), IFHMB has been able to successfully educate tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities.
- The Town has begun to translate and publish important public notices regarding such documents as the Action Plan, Substantial Amendments and CAPER, advertising, brochures and flyers into Spanish to ensure those residents who are Spanish speaking are informed of all the available services the Town is able to provide.
- The Town has ensured that bilingual staff are readily acceptable to answer any questions or translate any documents for Spanish speaking residents.
- Language regarding requests for reasonable accommodations have been incorporated in all Public Notices to ensure all reasonable accommodations are addressed such as accessibility, sign-language and Spanish or other language translation accommodations.
- The Town will continue to allocate funds for its RRP which stresses improvements to be made to address health and safety concerns as well as addressing improvements to ensure compliance with the ADA. Improvements that have recently been included in standard RRP work write ups when the household contains a disabled member include but are not limited to, installation of ADA ramps, grab bars, accessible toilets and tubs and widening of doorways.

- Due to the increase in effort from the Town and supporting agencies, one (1) of the four (4) or 25% RRP beneficiaries were reported as Hispanic.

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

To ensure CDBG and HOME funds are used efficiently and in compliance with applicable regulations, the Consortia provides technical assistance to all subrecipients at the beginning of each program year and monitors subrecipients throughout the program year. The Town of Apple Valley monitors its CDBG allocation and the Consortium's HOME allocation.

Technical Assistance

To enhance compliance with federal program regulations, the Town provided an annual Notice of Funding Availability workshop to review the Strategic Plan goals, program requirements and available resources with potential applicants. After the Action Plan was approved, a mandatory subrecipient workshop was held to review program regulations in detail, to provide useful forms and resources for documenting compliance and to review the Town's compliance procedures and requirements. Additionally, individualized technical assistance was provided on an as-needed basis throughout the program year.

Activity Monitoring

All activities were monitored, beginning with a detailed review upon receipt of each application to determine eligibility, conformance with a National Objective and conformance with the Plan goal. This review also examined the proposed use of funds, eligibility of the service area, eligibility of the intended beneficiaries and likelihood of compliance with other federal requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the System for Award Management (SAM) debarment list, prevailing wage, Minority and Women Business Enterprise, Section 3 and federal acquisition and relocation regulations, as applicable.

Subrecipients were required to submit an audit and other documentation to establish their capacity, and any findings noted in the audit were reviewed with the applicant. Eligible applications were then considered for funding. Once funded, desk monitoring included ongoing review of required quarterly performance reports. For CDBG public service activities, remote monitoring was conducted throughout the year to ensure compliance. These reviews included both a fiscal and programmatic review of the subrecipient's activities. The reviews determined if the subrecipient was complying with the program regulations and Town contract. Areas routinely reviewed included overall administration, financial systems, appropriateness of program expenditures, program delivery, client eligibility determination and documentation, reporting systems, and achievement toward achieving contractual goals. Each agency was provided written

notification of any findings of non-compliance and the required corrective action. Subrecipients were required to provide the Town with the corrective actions taken to address any noted findings within a timely manner. Individualized technical assistance was provided, as noted above as soon as compliance concerns were identified.

For CDBG capital projects, monitoring also included compliance with regulatory agreement requirements and remote monitoring to ensure renter occupied units' household income, rent and utility allowance complied with applicable limits pursuant to the affordability covenant. For HOME funded activities, annual monitoring were undertaken to ensure renter occupied unit household income, rents, and utility allowances were in compliance with applicable limits pursuant to the affordability covenant. For ownership units, annual monitoring of occupancy was conducted throughout the affordability period.

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.

In accordance with the Town's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, a public notice was published in the Valleywide Newspaper on September 9, 2022 notifying the public of the availability of the CAPER for a 15-day public review and comment period commencing on September 9, 2022, and ending on September 27, 2022. A copy of the public notice is included in **Appendix A**.

The draft CAPER was available on the Town website and at the following locations:

Facility	Address
Apple Valley- Development Services Building	14975 Dale Evans Parkway
SB County Library - Apple Valley Branch	14901 Dale Evans Parkway
Town of Apple Valley Town Clerk's Office	14955 Dale Evans Parkway
Town of Apple Valley Website	www.applevalley.org

A public hearing was conducted before the Town Council on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 to solicit comments from residents and interested parties. A summary of any written or oral comments received during the public review period are included in **Appendix B**.

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.

CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds are making a significant impact on strategies to address the high priority needs identified in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan – Strategic Plan. CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME funds contributed to five (5) of the five (5) Strategic Plan goals.

Provide Suitable Living Environments

To support the Town's initiative for Public Services for Low-income residents, CDBG funds were awarded to six (6) agencies that provided different public services for the residents of the Town. Such services ranged from emergency shelters, youth services, food banks and other various public services. In total, the agencies provided public service assistance to 1,039 primarily low- and moderate-income residents.

Affordable Housing

To support the Town's vision of housing preservation, CDBG and HOME funds were awarded to the Town's RRP. The Town was able to complete the rehabilitation of four (4) housing units under its RRP.

Expand Economic Opportunities

The Town substantially amended its 2020-2021 Action Plan to repurpose prior year CDBG funds to its newly designed Microenterprise Assistance Program. During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town assisted four (4) eligible microenterprise businesses, of no more than five (5) employees including the owner, with financial assistance to pay for rent, utilities, payroll and equipment.

Further Fair Housing Objectives in Consortia

For the implementation of the Town's Fair Housing Services, the Town funded IFHMB in the amount of \$11,863. The funds were used for the provision of fair housing outreach, education and enforcement activities. During the program year, this activity served a total of 10 unduplicated residents.

COVID-19 Response

The Town substantially amended its 2020-2021 Action Plan to allocate CDBG-CV funds to its newly designed Emergency Business Assistance Program. During the 2021-2022 program year, the Town assisted six (6) eligible small businesses, of more than five (5) employees including the owner, with financial to pay for rent, utilities, payroll and equipment. In turn, these businesses were able to create six (6) full-time equivalent jobs and retain one (1) full-time equivalent job.

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

The Town does not have any open Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants.

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

Not applicable, as the Town does not have any BEDI grants.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

The Town does not currently have any affordable rental housing assisted under the HOME program that would require on-site inspections. However, maintaining HOME-assisted affordable housing is a high priority for the Town. For this reason, the Town has invested HOME CHDO reserve and NSP funds for the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) Project which will provide for the development of affordable multi-family housing units. Once developed, the Town will inspect the HOME-assisted properties to determine compliance with the current housing codes and other applicable regulations. Should any deficiencies exist, the property owner and property management will be notified to complete the required repairs. The Town will complete a subsequent inspection to ensure the required work has been completed properly. Before and after pictures will be taken to document the deficiencies and completion of the work.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

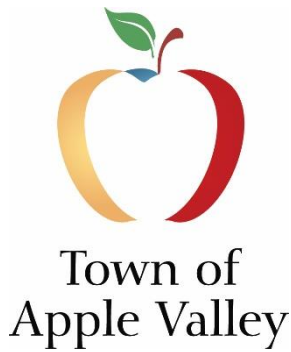
The Town does not currently utilize HOME funds for assisted properties with more than five (5) units. However, should the Town decide to utilize HOME to assist properties with more than five (5) units, the Town will ensure that an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan is implemented and that annual reports are reviewed to ensure overall compliance with HUD requirements to affirmatively further fair housing choice.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

The Town receipted a total of \$132,871.94 of HOME program income during the 2021-2022 program year. These dollars will be used for new RRP assisted projects during the 2022-2023 program year.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

During the 2021-2022 Action Plan, the Town worked with CVHC in the preparation of the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for the development of an affordable multi-family housing units for seniors and veterans. The completion and execution of the DDA will allow CVHC to submit its application for LIHTC funding for the project.



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APPENDIX A
Public Notices

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) covering the 2021-2022 fiscal year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs will be available for review and comment prior to submission to HUD beginning September 9, 2022 and ending September 27, 2022.

A Public Hearing to solicit public comment from interested citizens will be held on September 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Apple Valley Town Council Chambers, located at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307. The purpose of the Public Hearing for the CAPER is to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the manner in which the Town utilized federal and non-federal funds for the one-year period that ended on June 30, 2022.

Town Council meetings are now open to the public within the guidelines provided by the State. Those individuals planning to participate in the public hearing are encouraged to check the Town website listed below for additional information concerning in-person participation on the day of the public hearing for any updates.

BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides Federal CDBG funds for projects that promote the development of viable, urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Town of Apple Valley ("Town") qualified to receive CDBG funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Town prepared the 2021-2022 Fifth-Year Annual Action Plan, which was subsequently approved by HUD.

During the past fiscal year, the Town has allocated funds to the following CDBG activities pursuant to the Action Plan: Assistance League of Victor Valley - Operation School Bell, Christ the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church – Lighthouse Food Pantry, Feed My Sheep in the High Desert – Feeding Apple Valley, High Desert Homeless Services, Inc. – Homeless Shelter and Homeless Related Services, Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board – Fair Housing Services, Rolling Start Incorporated – Sanctuary Project, Code Enforcement, Mobile Home Disposition Program, Residential Rehabilitation Program, Hilltop House Demolition Project, Village North Sidewalk Project and Program Administration.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

HOME is authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended. HOME funds may be used to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership affordability through acquisition (including assistance to homebuyers), new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities; and

to provide for the payment of operating expenses of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

The Town of Apple Valley and City of Victorville Consortium has met and maintains the threshold for obtaining HOME entitlement status with HUD. The Consortium identifies the Town of Apple Valley as the lead agency and the City of Victorville as a participating jurisdiction. The successful formation has resulted in an annual allocation of HOME funds to both communities.

During the past fiscal year, the Town has allocated funds to the following HOME activities pursuant to the Action Plan: Residential Rehabilitation Program, Program Administration and CHDO Set-Aside.

During the past fiscal year, the City of Victorville allocated funds to the following HOME activities pursuant to the Action Plan: Senior Home Repair Program, Program Administration and CHDO Set-Aside.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Town is required to submit a detailed review to HUD covering the past year's activities, accomplishments and expenditures. A draft copy of the fiscal year 2021-2022 CAPER will be available for public review during the public comment period at the following locations:

- Apple Valley- Development Services Building 14975 Dale Evans Parkway
- SB County Library - Apple Valley Branch 14901 Dale Evans Parkway
- Town of Apple Valley Town Clerk's Office 14955 Dale Evans Parkway
- Town of Apple Valley Website www.applevalley.org

For a minimum period of fifteen (15) calendar days beginning on September 9, 2022 and ending on September 27, 2022, the public is invited to submit written comments on the 2021-2022 CAPER. Those individuals wishing to express their views on the CAPER may submit their written comments to the Town Clerk, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307 or by email at townclerk@applevalley.org. Written comments will be forwarded to HUD as part of the final CAPER. Comments received after September 27, 2022, will not be considered in the preparation of the final CAPER to HUD.

It is the objective of the Town to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, the Fair Housing Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act in all respects. If you require public documents in an accessible format, the Town will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your request. If you require a disability-related accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (760) 240-7000 ext. 7800.

Questions regarding the 2021-2022 CAPER may be directed to Silvia Urenda, Housing & Community Development Specialist II at (760) 240-7000, Extension 7910 or via email at SUrenda@applevalley.org.

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**AYUNTAMIENTO DEL CIUDAD DE APPLE VALLEY
AVISO DE PERÍODO DE REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE 15 DÍAS
DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO
BORRADOR DEL REPORTE DE LA EVALUACIÓN DEL DESEMPEÑO ANUAL CONSOLIDADO
(CAPER)
PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2021-2022**

POR MEDIO DE LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el Borrador del Reporte de la Evaluación del Desempeño Anual Consolidado (CAPER, por sus siglas en inglés) el cual cubre el año fiscal 2021-2022 (1 de Julio de 2021 – 30 de Junio de 2022) de los programas de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) y Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda HOME (HOME, por sus siglas en inglés) estará disponible para revisión y comentarios antes de presentarlo a HUD comenzando el 9 de Septiembre de 2022 y finalizando el 27 de Septiembre de 2022.

Una Audiencia Pública para solicitar comentarios públicos por parte de los ciudadanos interesados se llevará a cabo el 27 de Septiembre de 2022, a las 6:30 P.M. en la Cámara del Concejo Municipal del Ciudad de Apple Valley, ubicado en 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307. El propósito de la Audiencia Pública para el CAPER es para la finalidad de permitirle al público la oportunidad de comentar sobre la manera en la cual el Ayuntamiento utilizó los fondos federales y no federales durante el período de un año el cual terminó el 30 de Junio de 2022.

Las reuniones del Concejo Municipal del Ayuntamiento ahora están abiertas al público dentro de las reglas proporcionadas por el Estado, que pueden incluir el uso de máscaras y el distanciamiento social de otros participantes. Se recomienda a las personas que planean participar en la audiencia pública que consulten el sitio web del Ayuntamiento de la ciudad mencionado anteriormente para obtener información adicional sobre la participación en persona el día de la audiencia pública para cualquier actualización.

ANTECEDENTES

SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG)

La Ley Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada, proporciona fondos federales CDBG para proyectos que promueven el desarrollo de comunidades urbanas viables al proporcionar viviendas dignas, entornos de vida adecuados y actividades económicas ampliadas, principalmente para personas de bajos y moderados ingresos.

Durante el año fiscal 2021-2022, el Ayuntamiento del Ciudad de Apple Valley (“Ciudad”) calificó para recibir fondos de CDBG directamente del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés). El Ayuntamiento del Ciudad preparó el Quinto Año del Plan de Desempeño Anual 2021-2022, el cual fue aprobado por HUD.

Durante el año fiscal pasado, el Ayuntamiento asignó fondos para las siguientes actividades de CDBG conforme al Plan de Desempeño: Assistance League of Victor Valley - Operation School Bell, Christ the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church – Lighthouse Food Pantry, Feed My Sheep in the High Desert – Feeding Apple Valley, High Desert Homeless Services, Inc. – Homeless Shelter and Homeless Related Services, Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board – Fair Housing Services, Rolling Start Incorporated – Sanctuary Project, Code Enforcement, Mobile Home Disposition Program, Residential Rehabilitation Program, Hilltop House Demolition Project, Village North Sidewalk Project y Program Administration. *(No se tradujeron los títulos de las actividades intencionalmente).*

ASOCIACIÓN PARA INVERSIONES EN VIVIENDA HOME (HOME)

HOME está autorizado bajo el Título II de la Ley Nacional de Vivienda Asequible Cranston-Gonzales de 1990, según enmendada. Los fondos de HOME pueden utilizarse para desarrollar y respaldar viviendas de alquiler asequibles y propiedad de vivienda asequible mediante la adquisición (incluyendo la asistencia a compradores de viviendas), la nueva construcción, la reconstrucción o la rehabilitación de viviendas no

de lujo con amenidades adecuadas; y para proporcionar el pago de los gastos operativos de las Organizaciones de Desarrollo de Viviendas Comunitarias (CHDO, por sus siglas en inglés).

El Consorcio del Ciudad de Apple Valley y la Ciudad de Victorville han cumplido y mantenido el acuerdo condicional colectivo para obtener el estado de derecho de fondos de HOME con HUD. El Consorcio identifica al Ciudad de Apple Valley como la agencia líder y la Ciudad de Victorville como jurisdicción participante. La formación exitosa ha resultado en una asignación anual de fondos de HOME a ambas comunidades.

Durante el año fiscal pasado, el Ayuntamiento del Ciudad ha asignado fondos a las siguientes actividades de HOME conforme al Plan de Desempeño: Residential Rehabilitation Program, Program Administration y CHDO Set-Aside (*No se tradujeron los títulos de las actividades intencionalmente*).

Durante el año fiscal pasado, el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Victorville asignó fondos a las siguientes actividades de HOME conforme al Plan de Desempeño: Senior Home Repair Program, Program Administration, y CHDO Set-Aside (*No se tradujeron los títulos de las actividades intencionalmente*).

INFORME DEL DESEMPEÑO ANUAL

El Ayuntamiento del Ciudad debe presentar un informe detallado a HUD cubriendo las actividades, logros y gastos del año pasado. Un borrador del CAPER del año fiscal 2021-2022 estará disponible para revisión pública durante el período de comentarios públicos en los siguientes lugares:

- Apple Valley- Development Services Building 14975 Dale Evans Parkway
- SB County Library - Apple Valley Branch 14901 Dale Evans Parkway
- Town of Apple Valley Town Clerk's Office 14955 Dale Evans Parkway
- Town of Apple Valley Website www.applevalley.org

Por un período mínimo de quince (15) días del calendario comenzando el 9 de Septiembre de 2022 y finalizando el 27 de Septiembre de 2022, se invita al público a enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el CAPER 2021-2022. Las personas que deseen expresar sus puntos de vista sobre el CAPER pueden enviar sus comentarios por escrito al Secretario Municipal, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307 o por correo electrónico a townclerk@applevalley.org. Los comentarios escritos se enviarán a HUD como parte del CAPER final. Los comentarios recibidos después del 27 de Septiembre de 2022 no se tomarán en cuenta en la preparación del CAPER final para HUD.

El Ayuntamiento del Ciudad tiene como objetivo cumplir en todo con respecto a la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, tal y como se enmendó, la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) de 1990 y la Ley de Enmienda a ADA del 2008, la Ley de Vivienda Justa, y la Ley de Barreras Arquitectónicas en todos los aspectos. Si usted necesita documentos públicos en un formato accesible, el Ayuntamiento hará lo posible dentro de lo razonable para dar cabida a su petición. Si usted requiere acomodo especial debido a alguna discapacidad, por favor comuníquese a la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al (760) 240-7000 ext. 7800.

Las preguntas sobre el CAPER 2021-2022 pueden dirigirse a Silvia Urenda, Especialista en Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario II al (760) 240-7000, Extensión 7910 o por correo electrónico a SUrenda@applevalley.org.

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