



# Annual Action Plan

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## AP-05 - Executive Summary

The City of Fresno (City) receives annual allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through four grant programs:

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2. HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
3. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and
4. Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV Grant (HOPWA)

The purpose of these four programs is to assist low- and moderate-income families and households, which are those that earn less than 80% of the area median income. The funds are used to pursue three goals:

1. Provide decent, affordable housing,
2. Create suitable living environments, and
3. Expand economic opportunities.

In order to access these federal funds, the City must carry out a planning process to identify the scope of housing and community development needs in its jurisdiction and how the available funding can best be used to meet those needs. This planning process, called the Consolidated Plan, was conducted in late 2019 and early 2020. The term of the plan began on July 1, 2020, and will end on June 30, 2025. A full copy of the Consolidated Plan is available for review at the City's Planning and Development Department's Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) web page at [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing).

Each year, the City prepares an Annual Action Plan that describes the projects and actions it will undertake to carry out the strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. This document is the Fourth Year Annual Action Plan, covering the period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 (Program Year 2023 and City Fiscal Year 2024).

## Sources and Uses of Funds

More detailed information on sources can be found in AP-15 Expected Resources and more detailed information on uses can be found in AP-35 Projects.

**Table 1 – CDBG Sources and Uses**

Sources – CDBG	Amount	Uses – CDBG	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$6,897,161	Public Infrastructure	37%	\$3,043,594.22
Prior Year Funds	\$1,350,596.03	Affordable Housing	43%	\$3,554,581.61
		Public Services	2%	\$195,149
		Micro-Enterprise Assistance	>1%	\$40,000
		Fair Housing	>1%	\$35,000
		Administration & Compliance	16%	\$1,379,432.20
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$8,247,757.03</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$8,247,757.03</i>

**Table 2 – HOME Sources and Uses**

Sources – HOME	Amount	Uses – HOME	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$3,578,083	Affordable Housing	75%	\$2,683,562
		CHDO Housing Development	15%	\$536,713
		Administration & Compliance	10%	\$357,808
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$3,578,083</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$3,578,083</i>

**Table 3 – ESG Sources and Uses**

Sources – ESG	Amount	Uses – ESG	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$601,082	Rapid Rehousing	56%	\$338,723
		Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach	33.5%	\$201,362
		Homelessness Prevention	3%	\$15,916
		HMIS	0%	\$0
		Administration & Compliance	7.5%	\$45,081
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$601,082</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$601,082</i>

**Table 4 – HOPWA Sources and Uses**

Sources – HOPWA	Amount	Uses – HOPWA	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$990,192	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV	97%	\$960,487
		Administration & Compliance	3%	\$29,705
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$990,192</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$990,192</i>

## Summary of Objectives and Outcomes

The City of Fresno's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identified six strategic priority areas to be addressed using HUD Community Planning & Development funding. Consistent with these six priorities, and in response to the community needs assessment conducted for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City issued or will issue requests for applications to address each priority area. Eligible applicants are City of Fresno departments, units of local government, and non-profit organizations. Applications for funding will also be requested from developers of affordable housing. Applications are reviewed by staff, the Administration, and a committee of the City Council. Projects and activities recommended for funding are listed below by strategic priority area.

### Homeless and Homelessness Prevention

Need: Provide assistance for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing first collaborations, and associated supportive services.

Projects and activities for funding in program year 2023-2024:

- **WestCare California, Inc. – The Living Room**  
WestCare California, Inc. is the lead agency partnering with Fresno Housing Authority to continue providing Short Term Rental and Mortgage Assistance (STRMU), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), transitional housing, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, supportive services, and housing information to homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and their families in Fresno. The primary goals of the proposed program are to help participants achieve both permanent housing and health stability.
- **WestCare California, Inc. – Project UNITE**  
WestCare California, Inc. will provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services through Project UNITE. During the grant period, Project UNITE will conduct weekly outreach activities to establish supportive relationships with the street homeless population providing linkages and support to enable them to move off the streets and into housing. The program will engage homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families with extremely low-income (30% area median income), including Veterans who are not eligible for housing assistance through Supportive Services for Veteran Families and HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing.
- **Poverello House - Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement (HOPE Team)**  
The HOPE Team will provide street outreach to people experiencing homelessness that live in the City of Fresno. The purpose of the team is to link people experiencing homelessness to navigation services and shelter.
- **Poverello House – Rapid Rehousing Program**  
The program will provide direct case management and rental support for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Fresno for up to one year. This program will support security deposits, pay for costs associated with PG&E arrears, and direct rental

support. Case Managers will work with program participants during this timeframe to develop a plan to sustain housing beyond the rapid rehousing program support.

### Affordable Housing

Need: Improve access to affordable housing for low-income and special needs households by partnering with interested developers to increase development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

Projects and activities for funding in program year 2023-2024:

- **City of Fresno – Senior Exterior Repair Program & Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery**  
CDBG funds to provide an exterior home repair program for low-moderate-income owner-occupied senior households. The repairs may include but are not limited to: health & safety, paint, windows, screens, water heaters, roofs, doors, minor electrical, accessibility, fencing, and lead hazards.
- **Self-Help Enterprises – Housing Rehab Program**  
CDBG funds will be used to execute emergency, minor, and substantial housing rehabilitation to remedy property maintenance, age, health and safety, and housing code issues of existing single-family residential units for low-income owner-occupied households. Self-Help Enterprises' staff will collaborate with homeowners and contractors to improve key building features including roofing, windows, flooring, and property systems like basic plumbing, electrical, cooling, and security.
- **Affordable Housing Development or Substantial Rehabilitation**  
The City of Fresno will request applications to develop or rehabilitate single- and multi-family affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income people that meet the guidelines of the HOME program. The City will also include CDBG funds for land acquisition in support of affordable housing development.
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Affordable Housing Development**  
The City of Fresno will request applications from Community Housing Development Organizations for funding to develop units affordable to low- and moderate-income people that meet the guidelines of the HOME program.

### Public Infrastructure and City-Owned Facilities

Need: Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.

Projects and activities for funding in program year 2023-2024:

- **City of Fresno – Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine Neighborhood Street Improvements**  
The project will improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of life in the surrounding

neighborhood by completing street surface reconstruction including sidewalks, curbs, and gutters while removing ADA barriers.

- **City of Fresno – Knight Ave Street Improvements**

The project will make the neighborhood safer and more accessible by constructing new sidewalks, a wide street pavement section, and installing new LED streetlights.

## Public and Community Services

Need: Provide services to low-income and special needs households that develop human capital and improve quality of life.

Projects and activities for funding in program year 2023-2024:

- **Central Valley Justice Coalition – Youth Advocacy and Mentorship Program for Preventing Human Trafficking**

Through a combination of one-on-one mentorship, education, and group programs, the Central Valley Justice Coalition's Advocacy and Mentorship Program aims to connect with youth who have greater risk factors for human trafficking and exploitation in order to provide support before they become victims.

- **Marjaree Mason Center – Critical Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

This program will provide safe shelter and comprehensive supportive services to adults and children who are fleeing from domestic violence while they work toward becoming self-sufficient.

- **Chinatown Fresno Foundation – Open for Business**

The Open for Business program will work to improve the business acumen of existing microenterprises and establish at least five new microenterprise businesses in Chinatown. Activities will include business retention and expansion workshops for existing microenterprises. Additionally, the program will walk budding entrepreneurs through the process of taking an idea and making it into a viable microenterprise.

## Fair Housing

Need: Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.

Projects and activities for funding in program year 2023-2024:

- **Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM) – Immigrant and Refugee Inclusion in Fair Housing Program**

FIRM will provide fair housing education and outreach through workshops, ethnic media, and the distribution of information in five languages to increase awareness about fair housing rights and resources to diverse and low-income communities.

## Programmatic Compliance

Need: Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.

- **City of Fresno – Planning, Grant Administration, and Compliance**

The City of Fresno will use grant funding to conduct public participation in support of planning activities; issue NOFAs and conduct project and activity selection; consult with subrecipients in program implementation; conduct environmental reviews; conduct historic preservation reviews; monitor subrecipient activities; prepare performance reports; and undertake other administrative and program tasks to effectively support the funded activities in compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements.

<b>Evaluation of Past Performance</b>
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Below is a summary of activities recently completed and reported in the City's 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER):

### Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation work completed during PY 2021 to increase development, preserve, and rehabilitate affordable housing for low-income owner-occupied households included:

- City of Fresno Senior Paint and Exterior Repair Programs: Completed 18
- Self-Help Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program: Completed 17
- Habitat for Humanity Housing Rehabilitation/Repair Program: Completed 8

Occasionally, homes and other rehabilitation sites have a historical value to the community which may result in them being subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Unfortunately, due to delays in Section 106 reviews, increased material costs, and shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City experienced overall delays on some projects. However, the City continues to operate home repair programs for low- and moderate-income homeowners through the City's Housing and Community Development Division, and its subrecipients, in a manner that strives to prioritize the health and well-being of families, contractors, and program staff.

### Housing Development

Housing Projects completed in PY 2021 include:

- Habitat for Humanity - B and Amador Project  
The City provided \$580,263 in HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds to Habitat for Humanity for the acquisition of three parcels located at the corner of B Street and East Amador Street in southwest Fresno and the subsequent construction of four 5-bedroom, 2-bathroom single-family homes to be sold to low-income homebuyers. Included in those costs were on- and off-site improvements. The cost of the project was approximately \$1.3 million and was successfully completed on March 15, 2021.

Housing Projects underway in PY 2021 include:

- Habitat for Humanity – Barcus and Rialto Single-Family Housing Project  
The project consists of new construction of two 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom homes with attached garages, and on- and off-site improvements. The total project cost is estimated



at \$924,550 of which \$392,000 in HOME CHDO funds are to be provided for eligible predevelopment and construction cost and subsequent homebuyer mortgage assistance for households at 60% to 80% of area median income.

- FCTC, L.P. – Brand Haven Senior Housing Project  
The project consists of new construction of 180 multi-family senior housing units and on- and off-site improvements. The City provided \$2,259,784 in CDBG funds for acquisition of the 2-acre project site located at Fancher Creek Drive and Marion Avenue. In addition, the City provided \$1,420,500 in HOME funds for the eligible pre-development and construction costs. The estimated project cost is \$31 million.
- Self-Help Enterprises – Annadale Phase II S-F Housing Project  
The project consists of new construction of a 22-unit single-family affordable housing subdivision and on- and off-site improvements. The City provided \$1,462,000 in HOME funds for construction of 11 HOME-assisted units. The estimated project cost is \$2,915,000.
- Housing Authority – Monarch at Chinatown Project  
The project consists of new construction of 57 multi-family affordable housing units and on- and off-site improvements. The total project cost is estimated at \$32,239,714 of which \$397,118 in HOME funds is to be provided for eligible construction costs.
- Self-Help Enterprises – Walnut/Florence/Plumas  
The project consists of the development of a 17-unit single-family affordable housing subdivision in southwest Fresno. The total project costs are estimated at \$4,430,000 of which \$800,000 in HOME CHDO funds are being provided for eligible construction costs.
- Housing Authority – The Arthur at Blackstone  
The project consists of the development of 41 multi-family affordable housing units and on- and off-site improvements. The total project costs are estimated at \$26,302,457 of which \$1,633,112 in HOME funds is being provided for eligible construction costs.
- Housing Authority – Sun Lodge  
The project consists of the adaptive reuse of the existing 98-unit Days Inn motel and the introduction of new construction of additional housing units at the site. The 98-unit motel will be converted into 64 housing units with a mix of bedroom types. The total project costs are estimated at \$36,283,431 of which \$2.7 million in HOME funds is being provided for eligible construction costs.

## Homelessness

- HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
The City acts as the pass-through agency for ESG program funds. While the City is responsible for the administration and oversight of the grant, 93% of funds were awarded to local homeless services providers (Poverello House, WestCare and Marjaree Mason Center) who performed the day-to-day program delivery. Based on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reports provided to the City, 963

people were assisted with emergency shelter, 1,628 people were assisted with street outreach services, 121 people received rapid rehousing, and 17 received homeless prevention with PY 2021 ESG funding.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
The City contracted with Marjaree Mason Center to provide CDBG funding for Safe House Shelter Rooms for individuals who are fleeing domestic violence. A total of 108 individuals – both adults and children – received shelter.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)  
The City contracted with WestCare California, Inc. to provide HOPWA funding for housing assistance and housing-related supportive services benefitting persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Program Year 2021 HOPWA funds were used for supportive services; housing information and referral services; tenant-based rental assistance; and short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance. Sixty-five people were assisted with a housing subsidy, 9 individuals received housing through transitional/short-term facilities, and 353 people received housing information services, and 257 people received supportive services; please note some people received more than one activity component. Furthermore, 19 households received Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)  
The City provided TBRA to a total of 12 households through agreements with the Fresno Housing Authority.

## Community Services

The City of Fresno utilized grant funds to improve the living environment for its residents through a variety of public service programs and activities, including those specifically made for seniors, youth, and adults.

- City of Fresno PARCS After School Program  
The City of Fresno operated ten Neighborhood Center locations, funded in part by CDBG, located throughout the city in low-income areas. These centers were open Monday through Friday, and they provided a safe space for at-risk youth to seek mentorship and access to engaging recreational activities. Programming was provided to 358 children and included, but as not limited to, performing arts classes, nature hikes, a teen leadership program, arts and crafts, sports, homework centers, large group games, character development programs, cooking classes, a healthy snack program, day camps, karate classes, and service-oriented projects.
- City of Fresno PARCS Senior Program  
The senior program returned to providing in-person services in July 2021 and offered seniors in the community an opportunity to socialize with others through a variety of recreational activities. The available activities included, but were not limited to, crafts, ceramics, exercise, tai chi, and bingo. The program provided services for over 400

seniors within the City of Fresno, which provided an essential lifeline for some of the elderly who had nowhere else to go which helped improve their well-being.

- Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County  
The afterschool program provided education, job training, and recreation for 551 youth, ages 6-18, at the West Fresno and East Fresno Boys and Girls Clubs. As a youth development organization with skilled, caring professionals, the Boys and Girls Club provided culturally relevant programs, helping kids shape their paths toward great futures. This funding was used to provide afterschool enrichment programs that include educational and recreational activities to young people living in low-income, high-crime neighborhoods in East and West Fresno.
- Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) Afterschool and Recreation Program  
Fresno Street Saints provided afterschool enrichment through mentoring, homework assistance, recreation, and educational field trips for youth in southwest Fresno. The program operated Monday through Friday in four separate locations, served 106 youth, provided families with personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products in addition to the educational and recreational activities listed above.
- Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM), Inc. Southeast Asian, Slavic and African Healing Gardens for Elders (SAHGE)  
FIRM provided operational support for four community gardens located in the City of Fresno, as well as hosted monthly elder gatherings for low-income refugee elders, age 62 and older, who spoke Hmong, Lao, Khmer, Russian, and other languages. The gardens helped meet the needs of 158 elders by providing culturally responsive spaces where they were able to socialize, reduce stress, and increase access to healthy and nutritious foods.
- FIRM Fair Housing Program  
FIRM also connected with 3,748 residents to promote Fair Housing. Throughout the year, FIRM conducted 6 webinars, dropped off material at 40 various agencies and organizations, distributed materials during 19 in-person outreach events, made 16 social media posts, performed outreach via e-marketing 10 times, and included Fair Housing information in three newsletters.
- Resources for Independence, Central Valley (RICV) Fair Housing Program  
The RICV Fair Housing public services program provided education in several languages to the community about Fair Housing rights, responsibilities, and regulations through trainings and materials made available through social media, direct mail, the RICV newsletter, and email blasts. RICV also distributed an easy-to-understand booklet to 217 low-income individuals through individual outreach.
- Chinatown Fresno Foundation Make Time Business School Program  
The commercial neighborhood in the Chinatown area of Fresno consisted primarily of microenterprises that were suffering from a lack of community attention and needed assistance to help revitalize the area and the businesses. Chinatown Fresno Foundation

developed the Make Time Business School to specifically address the needs of the businesses in the area, while providing them technical assistance and training workshops. The program helped 15 microenterprises by developing job growth and an overall improved quality of life in the Chinatown area.

- Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation (FAHF) Business in a Box Program

The Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation successfully assisted 20 underserved small businesses within the City of Fresno. Through the Business in a Box program, FAHF helped small business owners overcome major challenges, including marketing, technology, and financial barriers. Businesses were assisted in developing a strategic plan to increase their online presence by establishing a website, setting up social media accounts, and helping with logo design to help attract more customers. Each business was encouraged to participate in financial trainings, monthly legal webinars, and was provided with more than 40 hours of direct technical assistance by various industry experts. The program allowed businesses to increase revenue and create more jobs.

## Public Infrastructure and Facilities

### *Neighborhood Street Improvements*

Neighborhood Street Improvement projects completed during PY 2021 include:

- The Burroughs Elementary Neighborhood Street Reconstruction – Phase I

The activity consisted of pavement reconstruction, including complete pavement removal, re-compacting and repairing the asphalt base (as needed), and reconstructing each pavement section. City crews were also able to repair curb ramps and gutters for improved ADA accessibility and an overall neighborhood commute improvement. Six thousand seven hundred and forty (6,740) neighborhood residents benefited from the restoration of the previously deteriorated roadways, which are now safer to drive on, walk across, and ride bicycles down.

- The West Fresno Elementary & MLK Neighborhood Street Improvements

The activity consisted of pavement reconstruction, including complete pavement removal, re-compacting and repairing the asphalt base (as needed), and reconstructing each pavement section. City crews were also able to repair curb ramps and gutters for improved ADA accessibility and an overall neighborhood commute improvement. City crews were also able to repair curb ramps and gutters for improved ADA accessibility and an overall neighborhood commute improvement. Three thousand six hundred and sixty-five (3,665) neighborhood residents have benefited from the restoration of the previously deteriorated roadways, which are now safer to drive on, walk across, and ride bicycles down.

The following activities received a CDBG allocation for improvements in PY 2021, or a prior year, and are pending completion:

- The Webster Community Canal Barricade
- The Burroughs Elementary Neighborhood Street Reconstruction – Phase II
- The Ivy-Annadale to Chester Neighborhood Street Improvements

- The Ericson Elementary Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
- The Highway City Neighborhood Street Reconstruction
- The Yosemite Middle School Complete Streets Design
- The Maple-Gettysburg-Holland Street Reconstruction
- The Olive-Maple-Whitney-Chestnut Street Reconstruction
- The Shields-Cedar-Dakota-Maple Street Reconstruction

The Webster Community Canal Project will provide a barricade along Clark Street and Floradora Avenue, while each of the other neighborhood street improvement project will receive pavement reconstruction to include complete pavement removal, re-compacting and repairing the asphalt base (as needed) and reconstructing each pavement section.

#### *Park Facility Improvements*

The following improvements were made to Park facilities in PY 2021:

- Learner Pool Design  
The City's PARCS Department entered into an agreement with a design firm to address ADA and health department concerns with the learner pools at several city park locations. The City was able to utilize the plans for the Quigley Learner Pool, Pinedale Learner Pool, and Fink White Learner Pool activities, to complete necessary repairs in order for the pools to reopen to the public, benefiting 20,175 people.
- Cary Park Lighting Improvements  
The Cary Park Lighting Installation included the installation of new light poles at two soccer fields. The new MUSCO lighting allows for remote access and improved directional lighting that eliminates light pollution into the neighborhood. The project benefited 3,700 people.
- Romain Challenger Course – Park Improvements  
The Romain Park improvements included the installation of a new challenger course and benefited 6,740 people.
- Ted C. Wills Park Improvements  
The Ted C. Wills Park Improvement activity included replacement of the HVAC system, the staining and resealing of the recreation room concrete flooring, installation of a shade structure over the tot lot, replacement of the wheelchair lift in the gym, the sanding and resurfacing of the wood gym flooring, and replacement of the existing bleachers with units that are ADA compatible. Twelve thousand seven hundred and ten (12,710) individuals benefited from this project.
- Pinedale Park Improvement  
The Pinedale Community Center Concrete Work and Restroom activity included concrete work and renovation of the indoor and outdoor restrooms, as well as health and safety improvements including upgrades for ADA compliance. One thousand five hundred and ninety (1,590) individuals benefited from this project.
- Pinedale Learner Pool

The City's PARCS Department completed necessary repairs to the learner pool at the Pinedale Community Center location to make it health department compliant and allow it to reopen to the public, benefiting 4,688 individuals.

- Quigley Learner Pool

The City's PARCS Department completed necessary repairs to the learner pool at the Quigley Park location to make it health department compliant and allow it to reopen to the public, benefiting 12,865 individuals.

The following activities received a CDBG allocation for improvements either in PY 2021 or in a prior year and are pending completion:

- Frank H. Ball ADA Improvements
- Maxie L. Parks HVAC Design
- Hinton Restroom and Field Lighting
- JSK Victoria West Playground and Shade Structure
- Dickey Playground Tot Lot Replacement
- Fink-White Splash Park

#### *Non-Profit Facility Improvements*

Prior year CDBG funds will provide needed capital improvements to community facilities owned by non-profit organizations that provide services to predominantly low- and moderate-income people. Non-Profit Facility Improvements completed in PY 2021 include:

- Wesley United Methodist Church Roofing and Various Facility Improvements which benefitted 16,635 people
- Helping Others Pursue Excellence (HOPE) Elevator Lift Installation and other ADA improvements benefitting 7,248 people

Non-Profit Facility Improvements currently underway include:

- Saint Rest Community Economic Development Corporation Plaza Improvements (completion expected in PY22)

<b>Summary of Citizen Participation and Consultation Process</b>
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A comprehensive list of participation and consultation activities is available in sections AP-10 and AP-12 of this plan.

Among the actions the City took to collect community and stakeholder input are:

- A community needs questionnaire completed by 8 Housing and Community Development stakeholders (units of local government, non-profits, affordable housing developers, etc.)
- Four virtual and five in-person workshops broadly promoted through email, social media, newspaper, door-to-door, and local media to collect broad-based community input and identify the most-needed activities, attended by 94 people
- Eighteen (18) stakeholder meetings with local non-profit and advocacy organizations
- A community needs public hearing held before City Council with 4 public comments

- Four (4) webinars held to provide technical support for the 2023-2024 Consolidated Notice of Funding Available
- A web page maintained at [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing) explaining the Annual Action Plan process and timeline, with links to relevant notices, recordings, and presentations
- A 30-day public comment period from March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023, to collect input from members of the community on the draft Annual Action Plan and recommended activities for funding
- A public hearing to review activities recommended for funding was held on April 27, 2023, prior to City Council consideration of Plan adoption

### **Summary of Public Comments**

A summary of all comments is included in Appendix B.

### **Summary of Comments Not Accepted**

The City accepted all comments.

### **Summary**

During development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, participants consistently identified homelessness, affordable housing, neighborhood infrastructure improvements, and fair housing among their top priorities. The community needs assessment conducted for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan continued to support these needs. In PY 2023, the City will invest approximately \$12 million to address the needs identified in this plan. While the needs of the community far outstrip the ability of this plan to address the needs in their entirety, the investments selected address the most pressing needs with the most appropriate funding available, while adhering to all regulations governing the use of HUD Community Planning and Development funds.

## Project Funding Summary

**Table 5 - Project Funding Summary**

PRIORITY AREA	PROJECT	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Homeless & Homelessness Prevention	Emergency Solutions Grant			\$601,082 <sup>1</sup>	
Homeless & Homelessness Prevention	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV				\$960,487
Affordable Housing	Housing Rehabilitation (Non-Profit)	\$700,000			
Affordable Housing	Housing Rehabilitation (City Provided)	\$700,000			
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Development	\$2,154,581.61	\$2,683,562		
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Development – CHDO		\$536,713		
Public Infrastructure & Facilities	Neighborhood Street Improvements	\$2,043,594.22			
Public Infrastructure & Facilities	Facility Improvements	\$1,000,000			
Community Services	Non-Profit Public Services	\$195,149			
Community Services	Microenterprise Assistance	\$40,000			
Fair Housing	Fair Housing Education, Outreach, and Referral	\$35,000			
Administration & Compliance	Program Administration	\$1,379,432.20	\$357,808	See note	\$29,705
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,247,757.03</b>	<b>\$3,578,083</b>	<b>\$601,082</b>	<b>\$990,192</b>

<sup>1</sup> Administration funds of \$45,081 are included in the ESG project total.



## PR-05 – Lead and Responsible Agencies

The City of Fresno Planning and Development, Housing and Community Development Division is responsible for the administration of HUD Entitlements including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA).

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## AP-10 – Consultation

### Introduction

Public participation plays a central role in the development of the Consolidated Plan. To develop its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City launched an in-depth and collaborative effort to consult with community stakeholders, elected offices, City and County departments, and beneficiaries of entitlement programs to inform and develop the priorities and strategies. For the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the City followed up with many of the same organizations to identify shifts and trends within the needs of the community.

### Efforts to Enhance Coordination

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

In addition to the citizen engagement process, the City asked all organizations who participated in the 2022 Annual Action Plan, 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, or the 2022 Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to complete a community needs questionnaire. Eight responses were collected, and the responses were used in conjunction with the community needs assessment to prepare the NOFA. The City released a Consolidated NOFA for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA to coordinate with local non-profits on the provision of public services and homelessness services.

### Continuum of Care Consultation – Homeless Needs

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

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) is comprised of organizations and individuals working to address homelessness in the counties of Fresno and Madera. Members of the FMCoC include representatives of federal, state, and local government agencies, nonprofits, the private sector, and faith-based organizations. The FMCoC holds monthly meetings to coordinate the efforts of its members to efficiently provide housing and services to the homeless population.

As part of the PY 2023 planning process, the City coordinated with the FMCoC to develop a recommendation for funding priorities utilizing ESG funds. The FMCoC board of directors presented their recommendation to the general membership at their December 8, 2023, meeting, and its recommendation was adopted. The City included the breakdown by funding categories recommended by the board of directors and noted that the recommendation was not binding, with the expectation that the constituent members of the FMCoC could propose any alternatives through the NOFA process.

The City also coordinates with the FMCoC related to allocations of State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funding.

### **Continuum of Care Consultation – Program Design**

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

#### Allocation

The City of Fresno acts as a pass-through agency for ESG funds. While the City is responsible for the administration and oversight of the grant, most funds are awarded to local homeless service providers who perform the day-to-day operation of the funded programs. As part of the PY 2023 planning process, the City coordinated with the FMCoC to recommend the amount of the ESG allocations that should be used for each eligible use. The City used the breakdown by funding categories to inform the allocations included in the NOFA. Based on the NOFA responses received, the City made minor adjustments to the allocations by activity.

#### Development of Standards and Policies

ESG standards and policies were developed by the City, County, and the FMCoC when the ESG program transitioned from the Emergency Shelter Grant to the Hearth Emergency Solutions Grant in 2011. These standards are included in Appendix D of this document. The City will continue to work cooperatively with Fresno County and the FMCoC to update the ESG Policies and Procedures. The City will also continue to coordinate with its public and private partners to ensure that the local FMCoC meets all HEARTH requirements with respect to ESG funds.

#### HMIS and Coordinated Entry System

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used by all local homeless providers participating in the FMCoC. HMIS is a database used to track performance and outcomes for the agencies. As the HMIS Lead of the FMCoC, the Fresno Housing Authority plays a critical role in coordinating the annual Point-in-Time Count, collecting data, and distributing results from the annual count. The work of the Fresno Housing Authority in this regard meets and exceeds HUD requirements for the implementation and compliance of Homeless Management Information System Standards.

The FMCoC's Coordinated Entry System utilizes a common assessment tool – the Vulnerability Index. All member agencies of the FMCoC have committed to using both the assessment tool and the Coordinated Entry System.

**List of Consultations**

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

**Table 6 - List of Agencies, Groups, and Organizations Consulted**

No.	Agency / Group / Organization	Type	Section of Plan Addressed	Consultation Method <sup>1</sup>
1	Arte Americas	Community organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
2	California Apartment Association	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
3	California Virtual Academy – Fresno	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
4	CARE Fresno	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
5	Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
6	Central California Legal Services	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
7	Central Unified School District	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
8	Central Valley Community Foundation	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
9	Chinatown Fresno Foundation	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire* & Interview
10	City of Clovis Affordable Housing	Other government – city	Action Plan	Questionnaire
11	City of Fresno Department of Public Works	Other government – city	Action Plan	Questionnaire
12	City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission	Other government – city	Action Plan	Questionnaire
13	City of Fresno Community Revitalization	Other government – city	Action Plan	Questionnaire
14	City of Fresno PARCS Department	Other government – city	Action Plan	Questionnaire
15	Community Housing Council	Services – fair housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire
16	County of Fresno	Other government – county	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
17	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center	Services – deaf and hard of hearing	Action Plan	Questionnaire
18	Downtown Business Hub	Services – business	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
19	Edison Bethune Charter Academy	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
20	El Dorado Community Development Center	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire

<sup>1</sup> Completed questionnaires are noted with an asterisk (\*).

No.	Agency / Group / Organization	Type	Section of Plan Addressed	Consultation Method <sup>1</sup>
21	Every Neighborhood Partnership	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire
22	FACE Fresno	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
23	Fair Housing Council of Central California	Services – fair housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire
24	Focus Forward	Services – youth	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
25	Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
26	Fresno Building Healthy Communities	Services - youth	Action Plan	Questionnaire
27	Fresno Center	Services – personal development	Action Plan	Questionnaire
28	Fresno Chamber of Commerce	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
29	Fresno Council of Governments	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
30	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire
31	Fresno Economic Development Corporation	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
32	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
33	Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries	Services – vulnerable populations	Action Plan	Questionnaire
34	Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
35	Fresno Metro Ministry	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
36	Fresno Pacific University	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire
37	Fresno Realtors Association	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
38	Fresno Unified School District	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
39	Habitat for Humanity Greater Fresno Area	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
40	Hope & Effort Appropriately Thriving (H.E.A.T.) for Southwest Fresno	Civic organization	Action Plan	Interview
41	Helping Others Pursue Excellence	Services – business	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
42	Highway City Community Development, Inc.	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
43	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
44	Live Again Fresno	Services – youth	Action Plan	Questionnaire* & Interview
45	Lowell Community Development Corporation	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
46	Marjaree Mason Center	Housing; services – domestic violence	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview

No.	Agency / Group / Organization	Type	Section of Plan Addressed	Consultation Method <sup>1</sup>
47	Neighborhood Church – Fresno	Religious institution	Action Plan	Questionnaire
48	North Fresno Church	Religious institution	Action Plan	Questionnaire
49	Orange Center School District	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire*
50	Poverello House	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
51	RH Community Builders	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
52	Saint Rest Community Development Center	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
53	Sanger Unified School District	Services – education	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
54	Self-Help Enterprises	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire
55	Southeast Fresno EDC	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
56	SW Fresno Community Development Center	Civic organization	Action Plan	Questionnaire
57	Trans-E-Motion	Services – fair housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire
58	Turning Point of Central California	Housing	Action Plan	Questionnaire & Interview
59	WestCare California, Inc.	Services – health, mental health	Action Plan	Questionnaire
60	Workforce Connection	Services – business	Action Plan	Questionnaire

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

Not applicable

**List other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan and how the goals of the Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan**

**Table 7 - Other Planning Efforts Considered**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan	City of Fresno	The Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan covers long range planning topics such as urban form, transportation, natural resources, historical/cultural resources and health and wellness. Specific housing related goals including increasing quality of housing and homeownership, and increased access to health and mental health services are also reflected in the strategic plan.
Drive Plan	City of Fresno	The DRIVE Plan has goals to improve housing affordability and stability, reduce racial and economic isolation and support environmental justice and sustainability, most of which are addressed in the strategic plan.
Fresno Parks Master Plan	City of Fresno	The Fresno Parks Master Plan includes goals to maintain, improve and expand its existing parks, to include associated recreational facilities; strategic plan.
2015 - 2023 Housing Element	City of Fresno	The goals of the 2015-2023 Housing Element are for the City of Fresno to meet its RHNA housing requirements, assist in the development of housing for low-income households, remove government constraints on housing development, conserve existing affordable housing, and to promote equal housing opportunity, which are shared goals with this strategic plan.
Permanent Local Housing Allocation 5-Year Plan	City of Fresno	The Permanent Local Housing Allocation 5-Year Plan qualifies the City of Fresno to receive funding over 5 years from the State of California to address housing quality and increase affordable housing supply. The five-year plan goals are to invest in affordable housing development, rehabilitation for owner-occupied homes to include mobile homes, and to provide down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyer with low incomes.
Here to Stay Report	City of Fresno	The Here to Stay report is an overview of the 46 anti-displacement policies the City recommends based on the first-hand experiences of Fresno residents and supported by research, data, and lessons learned in other cities with anti-displacement policies.
Street2Home Fresno County	Fresno Housing Authority	Street2Home Fresno County identifies solutions to help reduce and ultimately end unsheltered homelessness. Several recommendations focused on affordable housing and resources for survivors of domestic violence align with the goals and priorities identified in the strategic plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
HHAP 3 Homeless Action Plan	City of Fresno	The HHAP 3 Homeless Action Plan is a cross-jurisdictional plan that identifies improvements in the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness through partnerships with local health, behavioral health, social services, justice entities, and people with lived experiences of homelessness.
One Fresno Housing Strategy	City of Fresno	Fresno's Housing Strategy aims to analyze Fresno's housing needs, identify areas where policy objectives will need to be employed to achieve strategic goals, identify current resources available to meet goals, identify funding sources and contingencies to meet goals, develop a plan for implementing recommended approaches to goal achievement, and establish a list of numerical goals and milestones to track progress.

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))**

The City works closely with the Fresno Housing Authority, the County of Fresno, and the State of California on several affordable housing programs.

For HOPWA, the City is responsible for administering the grant on behalf of the entire metropolitan statistical area, which includes all of Fresno County. In addition, the City coordinates with the County Public Health Department and the State of California to ensure the needs of people living with AIDS/HIV are addressed.

The City collaborates with a variety of public and private sector agencies. One of the main avenues the City has been able to gain partnerships through is participation in the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). The general membership for the FMCoC includes government, public agencies, and non-profit organizations throughout the region. Being a partner of the FMCoC has given the City of Fresno the ability to collaborate with other agencies to help serve unhoused individuals within the region.



## AP-12 – Participation

### Summary

Summarize the citizen participation process and efforts made to broaden citizen participation. Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting.

The City provided several opportunities for the public to participate in the PY 2023 planning process:

**Table 8 - Annual Action Plan Schedule of Activities**

Date / Time <sup>1</sup>	Description
October 17, 2022	Public Notice
October 27, 2022; 11 AM	Community Needs Workshop #1 – Romain Neighborhood Center
October 28, 2022; 11 AM	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #1
November 1, 2022; 6 PM	Community Needs Workshop #2 – Mosqueda Neighborhood Center
November 2, 2022; 6 PM	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #2
November 7, 2022; 6 PM	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #3
November 9, 2022; 6 PM	Community Needs Workshop #3 – Teague Elementary School
November 15, 2022; 10 AM	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #4
November 16, 2022; 2 PM	Community Needs Workshop #4 – Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center
November 28, 2022; 11 AM	Community Needs Workshop #5 – Legacy Commons
December 1, 2022; 10:05 AM	City Council Community Needs Public Hearing
December 19, 2022	<b>Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Released</b> Applications requested from non-profit organizations and local units of government to apply for CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funds
January 10-11, 2023	<b>Consolidated NOFA Technical Assistance Webinars</b> Visit <a href="http://www.fresno.gov/housing">www.fresno.gov/housing</a> or email <a href="mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov">HCDD@fresno.gov</a> for more information
January 27, 2023; 4 PM	<b>Consolidated NOFA Applications Due</b>
March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023	<b>Draft Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period</b> The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan was published at <a href="http://www.fresno.gov/housing">www.fresno.gov/housing</a> for public comments, which were accepted by email at <a href="mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov">HCDD@fresno.gov</a> ; phone at 621-8300; fax at 457-1579; TTY at 621-8721; or online survey at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2324AAP">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2324AAP</a>
April 27, 2023; 10:05 AM or thereafter	<b>City Council Annual Action Plan Public Hearing &amp; Consideration</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dates and times subject to change.

	Participation instructions posted at least 72 hours in advance at <a href="https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
<b>May 15, 2023</b>	<b>2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Due to HUD</b>
<b>May 2023 (approximate)</b>	<b>Affordable Housing Development and Substantial Rehabilitation NOFA</b> Available on Planet Bids; due July 2023 (approximate)

To capture as much community feedback as possible, the City started its 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan outreach earlier than in previous years. With COVID guidelines pertaining to in-person meetings relaxed, the City began conducting in-person community meetings again. Between October 27 and November 28, 2022, the City conducted five in-person and four virtual meetings to gather community input on allocating Federal housing and community development funds. The in-person meetings were conducted at Romain Neighborhood Center, Mosqueda Neighborhood Center, Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center, Legacy Commons Community Center, and Teague Elementary located in the areas of West Fresno, Southwest Fresno, and Downtown Fresno. Each of the nine community meetings had Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and American Sign Language interpretation available without the need to request the accommodation. In addition to the promotional methods undertaken for the previous year's Annual Action Plan, community meetings were promoted with flyers delivered door-to-door in the neighborhood surrounding the Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center. In total, 94 people participated in the community needs workshops.

On December 1, 2022, the City conducted a public hearing to gather additional input on the perspective 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. The draft Annual Action Plan was available for public comment from March 6, 2023, through April 6, 2023. The City conducted another Public Hearing on April 27, 2023, to elicit feedback prior to adoption and submission to HUD.

## Citizen Participation Outreach

**Table 9 - Citizen Participation Outreach**

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Number of Participants	Summary of Comments Received
Community Meetings – October 27, 2022 – November 28, 2022	Non-targeted/broad community	94 attendees	See Appendix B
Public Hearing – Community Needs Public Hearing – December 1, 2022	Non-targeted/broad community	4 attendees	See Appendix B
FMCoC Consultation for ESG – Executive Meeting December 1, 2022; General Meeting December 8, 2022	Homeless Services Providers		Made recommendations on the use of ESG allocation in consultation with FMCoC board of directors
Stakeholder Meetings November 7, 2022 – December 1, 2022	Housing and service providers; community development practitioners; advocacy groups	18 interviews	See Appendix B
Web Form – Consultation Questionnaire	Housing and service providers; community development practitioners; advocacy groups	8 responses	See Appendix B
Web Form – Community Needs Input	Attendees of Community Meetings	1 response	See Appendix B
Notice of Funding Available Webinars – January 10-11, 2023	Housing and service providers		Provided technical assistance for community organizations and units of government wishing to apply for funding
Public Comment Period – March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023	Non-targeted/broad community	9 responses	See Appendix B
Public Hearing – Annual Action Plan Public Hearing – April 27, 2023	Non-targeted/broad community	2 responses	See Appendix B

## AP-15: Expected Resources

### **Introduction**

Provide a short summary of the anticipated resources that the jurisdiction will have at their disposal over the course of the Strategic Plan.

The City has not yet received notice of its 2023 annual entitlement award through the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. The City estimates receiving awards comparable to prior year funding levels. The City anticipates funding approximately \$12 million in activities using these four federal programs through this plan.

Also, housing developers receiving HOME Program funds to help develop multi-family affordable housing projects have leveraged the State of California's 9% and 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Infill Infrastructure Grant, and the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities funding.

### **Private, State, and Local Funds**

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

As a recipient of HOME and ESG funding, the City is required to generate matching funds. Examples of matching funds under the HOME Program include private finance and interest subsidies from home buyer and residential rehabilitation programs. For the HOME Program, the City is required to match twenty-five percent of all project expenditures. HUD has waived the City's HOME match requirement based on fiscal distress criteria every year since fiscal year 2014.

ESG requires a 100% match of program funds. The City passes this matching requirement to the service providers receiving ESG funds. ESG providers meet this requirement using private donations, state grants, and/or volunteer hours. The City may also provide general funds to service providers to meet match requirements.

The City allocated 9.5% of its Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds for owner-occupied home rehabilitation for low-income homeowners currently ineligible under existing owner-occupied home repair programs to include mobile homes. The third year of funding added \$553,717 for a total of \$1.38 million in PLHA assistance for owner-occupied home rehabilitation for mobile homes.

The City allocated an additional \$1.6 million of funding through its third allocation of the PLHA program for a down payment assistance program for low- and moderate-income first-time home buyers. The total allocated to the down payment assistance program to date is \$4.1 million.

Additionally, the City allocated 28.5% of its third allocation of Permanent Local Housing Allocation for development of Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing and 28.5% for development of Affordable Single-Family Housing, focusing on areas of opportunity. Out of the total PLHA

allocations, the City will have \$4.1 million for the development of Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing and another \$4.1 million for the development of Single-Family Housing.

The City was awarded entitlement grants from the California Department of Housing and Community Development. In 2022, it was awarded \$54,536,872 through Homekey 2 to fund projects to sustain and rapidly expand housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The City also submitted a joint application with RH Community Builders and UpHoldings and were awarded \$16,717,077 in Homekey 2 funds from the State of California to acquire and convert motels into affordable housing.

The City was also awarded \$5,070,057.68 through the State of California's Encampment Resolution Fund Program. Funds are used to provide street outreach to people experiencing homelessness in encampments within a specified area in downtown. The funds are also used to provide shelter operations to house those individuals identified in the encampment and will also be used to acquire tiny houses to add 26 permanent housing units.

The City also applied for a fourth allocation of the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program totaling \$11,265,425.10.

The City's administration allocated \$42 million of its funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the development of affordable housing. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) of that allocation will be used for a voucher assistance and/or landlord incentive program to ensure there are resources available to support permanent housing options for individuals as they exit emergency shelters or temporary housing.

## Anticipated Resources / Priority Table

**Table 10 - Anticipated Resources / Priority Table**

Program / Source	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available in Program Year		Narrative Description
CDBG / Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Improvements</li> <li>Public Services</li> <li>Homeowner Rehab</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Microenterprise Assistance</li> <li>Fair Housing</li> <li>Admin and Planning</li> </ul>	Annual Entitlement:	\$6,897,161	Anticipated funding will include entitlement grant funds
		Program Income:	\$0	
		Prior Year Resources:	\$1,350,596.03	
		Total:	\$8,247,757.03	
		Anticipated for Con Plan Years 4-5	\$13,668,607	
ESG / Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial assistance</li> <li>Overnight shelter</li> <li>Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)</li> <li>Rental assistance</li> <li>Services</li> <li>Transitional housing</li> </ul>	Annual Entitlement:	\$601,082	Anticipated funding consists of entitlement grant funds
		Program Income:	\$0	
		Prior Year Resources:	\$0	
		Total:	\$601,082	
		Anticipated for Con Plan Years 4-5	\$1,199,114	
HOME / Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition</li> <li>Multifamily rental new construction</li> <li>Multifamily rental rehab</li> <li>New constructions for ownership</li> <li>Homebuyer assistance</li> </ul>	Annual Entitlement:	\$3,578,083	Anticipated funding will include entitlement grant funds
		Program Income:	\$0	
		Prior Year Resources:	\$0	
		Total:	\$3,578,083	
		Anticipated for Con Plan Years 4-5	\$7,339,176	
HOPWA / Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent housing in facilities</li> <li>Permanent housing placement</li> <li>STRMU</li> <li>Short term or transitional housing facilities</li> <li>Supportive services</li> <li>TBRA</li> </ul>	Annual Entitlement:	\$990,192	Anticipated funding consists of entitlement grant funds
		Program Income:	\$0	
		Prior Year Resources:	\$0	
		Total:	\$990,192	
		Anticipated for Con Plan Years 4-5	\$2,099,775	

**Publicly Owned Land**

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

In accordance with AB 1486, the City provides a notice of availability for surplus properties to be posted on the California Housing and Community Development (HCD) website and gives priority consideration to the development of affordable housing. Active and prior notices can be viewed at <https://data.ca.gov/dataset/surplus-land-act-notices-of-availability-received>. The City will continue to assess its inventory of publicly owned land for opportunities to meet the strategic needs of this plan, as well as offering notices of availability in advance of any disposition of City-owned property, placing particular emphasis on potential sites of affordable housing in areas of high opportunity.

Additionally, the below land is noted as vacant on the City's current inventory and will be assessed for inclusion in future notices and development opportunities.

**Table 11 - Vacant City-Owned Parcels**

APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
40305064T	None Assigned	0.93	93611	NONE
40305066T	2999 E SHEPHERD AVE	0.72	93611	NONE
40305068T	None Assigned	0.73	93611	NONE
45206225T	None Assigned	0.05	93701	NONE
45214806T	DIANA/LEWIS	0.06	93701	NONE
45206314T	None Assigned	0.05	93701	NONE
45206608T	None Assigned	0.05	93701	NONE
45214411T	DIANA/LEWIS	0.13	93701	NONE
45222308T	None Assigned	0.06	93701	NONE
47019611T	3590 E LIBERTY AVE	0.25	93702	Residential Single-Family, Medium Density
44507101T	3148 N FIRST	0.02	93703	Residential Multi-Family, Medium High Density
44513302T	None Assigned	0.82	93703	Public and Institutional
44707521T	2929 N BARTON	0.09	93703	NONE
44727319T	MCKINLEY/MAPLE	0.01	93703	NONE
45129716T	2035 E OLIVE # AVE	0.14	93703	Light Industrial
41706140T	5342 N ROOSEVELT AVE	0.09	93704	NONE
44308014T	None Assigned	0.40	93704	Public and Institutional
44430308T	1011 E MCKINLEY AVE	0.17	93704	Park and Recreation
44212304ST	WEBER/MCKINLEY	0.03	93705	NONE

APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
42520325	None Assigned	0.15	93705	NONE
44209021T	None Assigned	0.93	93705	Park and Recreation
32615014S	None Assigned	0.93	93706	NONE
32615027S	None Assigned	0.09	93706	Commercial Highway and Auto
32616039T	None Assigned	1.81	93706	Commercial Highway and Auto
45808049T	460 S HUGHES AVE	0.50	93706	NONE
45809063T	None Assigned	2.25	93706	Park and Recreation
46404017T	1333 W WHITES BRIDGE AVE	2.62	93706	Open Space
46404068T	None Assigned	1.06	93706	Open Space
46404085T	None Assigned	0.72	93706	Open Space
46410207T	None Assigned	0.11	93706	Corridor/Center Mixed Use
46410208T	2022 S WEST AVE	0.50	93706	Corridor/Center Mixed Use
46427237T	1212 S WEST AVE	1.05	93706	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
46527301T	729 MERCED ST	0.02	93706	Park and Recreation
47713325T	None Assigned	0.20	93706	Residential Single-Family, Medium Density
46413222T	105 W KEARNEY BLVD	1.24	93706	Park and Recreation
40642146ST	HERNDON & VALENTINE	3.20	93711	Open Space
41525109S	2792 W SAN MADELE AVE	0.29	93711	NONE
40521707T	None Assigned	0.80	93711	Open Space
30334322T	None Assigned	0.08	93711	Commercial Regional
30334323T	None Assigned	0.04	93711	Light Industrial
40513103ST	1588 W HERNDON AVE	2.18	93711	Residential Multi-Family, Medium High Density
40513104ST	HERNDON & FRUIT	0.09	93711	Residential Multi-Family, Medium High Density
40513105ST	HERNDON & FRUIT	0.02	93711	Residential Multi-Family, Medium High Density
40520415T	None Assigned	0.46	93711	Open Space
40544012T	None Assigned	0.15	93711	Open Space
40629165T	None Assigned	1.58	93711	NONE
40641131ST	HERNDON & VALENTINE	1.44	93711	Open Space
40648113T	6799 N MARKS AVE	0.44	93711	NONE
41619317T	None Assigned	0.02	93711	NONE



APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
50021137T	None Assigned	0.15	93711	Office
50021138T	None Assigned	0.31	93711	Office; residential single-family, medium density
56801021T	None Assigned	3.03	93720	Corridor/Center Mixed Use
56832329T	9883 N WILLOW AVE	0.67	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56833438T	None Assigned	0.67	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
57802009T	None Assigned	6.24	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
40374415T	None Assigned	0.78	93720	Residential Single-Family, Low Density
40375328T	None Assigned	0.41	93720	Residential Single-Family, Low Density
40378134T	WILLOW AND TEAGUE	0.85	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
40379412T	8611 N WILLOW AVE	0.64	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56830343T	9403 N WILLOW AVE	1.14	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56831426T	None Assigned	1.26	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56834425T	9627 N WILLOW AVE	0.69	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56837420T	None Assigned	0.70	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
56838069T	9205 N WILLOW AVE	0.97	93720	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
47810219T	None Assigned	0.34	93721	Light Industrial
47810220T	None Assigned	0.45	93721	Light Industrial
48015202T	None Assigned	0.14	93721	Light Industrial
32606035	None Assigned	3.00	93722	NONE
44204026T	SHIELDS/MARKS	1.42	93722	Commercial General
50408128ST	None Assigned	5.67	93722	Light Industrial
50408129ST	None Assigned	3.07	93722	Light Industrial
50408145ST	6255 N BRYAN AVE	3.13	93722	Light Industrial
50508021ST	5965 N GOLDEN STATE BLVD	22.49	93722	Light Industrial
50508031ST	6255 W BULLARD AVE	2.48	93722	Light Industrial
50508036ST	None Assigned	0.86	93722	Light Industrial
51134327ST	None Assigned	0.30	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
43304041ST	VALENTINE/WEBER	1.20	93722	Light Industrial
50317301T	7651 N SANTA FE AVE	0.66	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
50316131T	None Assigned	0.58	93722	Park and Recreation

APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
51134121ST	5990 W ROBINSON AVE	0.16	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
50408130ST	None Assigned	5.30	93722	Light Industrial
50408143ST	6157 N BRYAN AVE M/C	1.40	93722	Light Industrial
50508016T	6101 N GOLDEN STATE BLVD	4.05	93722	Light Industrial
50508017ST	6271 W BULLARD AVE	2.97	93722	Light Industrial
50508030ST	None Assigned	2.48	93722	Light Industrial
50703048ST	6785 N BRAWLEY AVE	14.58	93722	Office; open space
50808202ST	5166 N MARKET ST	0.78	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Density
51135125ST	5980 W FEDORA AVE	0.49	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
51135201ST	5986 W DAYTON AVE P/S	0.28	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
51135225ST	None Assigned	0.31	93722	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
48151033ST	None Assigned	0.49	93725	NONE
48130033ST	5344 E CHURCH AVE S/A	5.76	93725	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
48111053T	2546 S WILLOW AVE S/A	1.03	93725	Residential Single-Family, low density
43613404T	4003 N FIRST ST P/S	0.13	93726	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
43724102T	3502 N MILLBROOK AVE	0.10	93726	Residential Single-Family, Medium Density
43729053T	SHIELDS/MILLBROOK	0.60	93726	Office; residential multi-family, medium high density
43729054T	None Assigned	0.11	93726	Office
43814245T	3682 N DEARING AVE	3.03	93726	Open space; residential single-family, extremely low-density
49302001T	None Assigned	7.37	93726	Open space; public and institutional
49402029T	4847 E SHIELDS AVE	14.40	93726	Office; public and institutional
49420301T	4988 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.26	93727	Light Industrial
49420303T	4998 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.28	93727	Light Industrial
49420305T	5006 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.28	93727	Light Industrial
49420307T	5012 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.28	93727	Light Industrial
49420309T	5018 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.28	93727	Light Industrial
49420311T	5024 E ANDERSEN AVE	0.30	93727	Light Industrial
49420313T	2589 N FINE AVE	1.97	93727	Light Industrial
49420317T	2588 N AIR FRESNO DR	1.15	93727	Light Industrial
49420319T	2694 N AIR FRESNO DR	1.46	93727	Light Industrial

APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
49622012T	None Assigned	7.9	93727	Public and Institutional
31332107T	None Assigned	0.46	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31378115T	None Assigned	0.06	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31382049T	None Assigned	0.15	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31383613T	None Assigned	0.09	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31383614T	None Assigned	0.09	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31621611T	1551 S SUNNYSIDE AVE	0.05	93727	Residential Single-Family, Low Density
31643051T	None Assigned	0.87	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
31644158T	1146 S ARMSTRONG AVE	0.25	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
46201023T	None Assigned	1.61	93727	NONE
47403071T	5747 E ALTA AVE P/S	0.13	93727	Corridor/Center Mixed Use
48104039ST	None Assigned	2.14	93727	Open Space
48153601T	None Assigned	1.06	93727	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
48147042T	None Assigned	0.28	93727	Residential Single-Family, Low Density
49302035ST	4092 N CHESTNUT AVE	9.00	93727	Park and Recreation
49402019T	None Assigned	1.03	93727	Public and Institutional
49403038ST	None Assigned	0.92	93727	Light Industrial
49406050T	None Assigned	0.31	93727	Light Industrial
49418020T	2880 N GROVE INDUSTRIAL DR S/A	2.18	93727	Light Industrial
49420213T	2537 N AIR FRESNO DR	1.18	93727	Light Industrial
49420426T	2560 N FINE AVE	4.30	93727	Light Industrial
49602409T	5795 E SHIELDS AVE P/S	2.02	93727	Light Industrial
49622004T	None Assigned	33.65	93727	Open space; public and institutional
45021106T	929 N FRUIT AVE	0.21	93728	Residential Single-Family, Medium Density
45026003T	507 N THORNE AVE P	0.21	93728	Commercial Main Street
45126214T	1229 N LINDEN AVE	0.17	93728	Commercial Main Street
45205313T	1135 N BLACKSTONE AVE S/A	0.05	93728	Neighborhood Mixed Use
45211434T	724 E ELIZABETH ST	0.64	93728	Public and Institutional
57931030ST	None Assigned	0.30	93730	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
57624127ST	None Assigned	0.52	93730	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density

APN	ADDRESS	LOT AREA	ZIP	ZONING
<b>57801048T</b>	10643 N WILLOW AVE	4.11	93730	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
<b>57801049T</b>	10884 N WILLOW AVE	1.79	93730	Residential Single-Family, Medium Low Density
<b>57922015ST</b>	None Assigned	0.29	93730	Public and Institutional

## AP-20: Annual Goals and Objectives

### Goals Summary Information

**Table 12 - Goals Summary Information**

Goal Name	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Homelessness and the Prevention of Homelessness	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	ESG: \$556,001 HOPWA: \$960,487	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 113 households assisted</li> <li>Transitional/short-term housing: 8 units</li> <li>Public service activities for low/moderate-income housing benefit/homelessness prevention: 800 people assisted</li> </ul>
Safe and Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$3,554,581.61 HOME: \$3,220,275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental Units Constructed / Rehabilitated: 22 household housing units</li> <li>Homeowner Housing Added / Rehabilitated: 30 household housing units</li> <li>Land acquired for affordable housing development: 2</li> </ul>
Public Infrastructure and Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development / Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Infrastructure and City-Owned Facilities	CDBG: \$3,043,594.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8,948 people assisted</li> </ul>
Community Services	Non-Housing Community Development / Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$235,149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Services Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 155 people assisted; 18 businesses assisted</li> </ul>
Fair Housing	Other: Fair Housing	Citywide	Promote Fair Housing	CDBG: \$35,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outreach, education, and referral services for low- and moderate-income prospective home buyers and tenants. \$35,000 from Administration funds</li> </ul>
Compliance	Other: Administration	Citywide	Programmatic Compliance	CDBG: \$1,379,432.20 HOME: \$357,808 ESG: \$45,081 HOPWA: \$29,705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full compliance with adopted Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Citizen Participation Plans, and all other applicable regulations (Federal, State, local, and HUD)</li> </ul>

**Goal 1: Homelessness and the Prevention of Homelessness**

Provide assistance for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing first collaborations, and associated supportive services.

Projects funded through this Plan are expected to result in the following accomplishments:

- Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach:
  - Poverello House – Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement (HOPE): 800 people
- Rapid Rehousing:
  - Poverello House – Rapid Rehousing Program: 14 people
  - WestCare – Project UNITE: 39 people
- Homelessness Prevention:
  - WestCare – Project UNITE: 39 people
- Short-Term Mortgage, Rental, and Utility Assistance:
  - WestCare – The Living Room: 40 households
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance:
  - WestCare – The Living Room: 20 households
- Transitional or Short-Term Housing:
  - WestCare – The Living Room: 8 units

**Goal 2: Safe and Affordable Housing**

Improve access to affordable housing for low-income and special needs households by partnering with interested developers to increase development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

Projects funded through this Plan are expected to result in the following accomplishments:

- Rental Units Constructed:
  - HOME-Assisted Projects: 22 household housing units
- Homeowner Housing Added:
  - HOME-Assisted Projects: 2 household housing units
- Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated:
  - City of Fresno – Senior Exterior Repair Program: 15 households assisted
  - Self-Help Enterprises – Housing Rehab Program: 15 households assisted

**Goal 3: Public Infrastructure and Facilities**

Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.

Projects funded through this Plan are expected to result in the following accomplishments:

- Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities:
  - Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine Neighborhood Street Improvements: 6,153 people assisted (area benefit)
  - Knight Ave Street Improvements: 2,795 people assisted (area benefit)

**Goal 4: Community Services**

Provide services to low-income and special needs households that develop human capital and improve quality of life.

Projects funded through this Plan are expected to result in the following accomplishments:

- Public Service Activities:
  - Central Valley Justice Coalition – Youth Advocacy and Mentorship Program for Preventing Human Trafficking: 120 people assisted
  - Marjaree Mason Center – Critical Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence: 35 people assisted
- Microenterprises Assisted:
  - Chinatown Fresno Foundation – Open for Business: 18 microenterprises assisted

**Goal 5: Fair Housing**

Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.

Projects funded through this Plan are expected to result in the following accomplishments:

- Administrative Activities:
  - Accomplishment information is not reported for administrative activities. The City will work with its subrecipients to identify appropriate reporting metrics related to outreach, education, and referral services for low- and moderate-income prospective home buyers and tenants

**Goal 6: Compliance**

Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.

Accomplishment activities are not reported for administrative activities; however the City's goal is full compliance with adopted Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Citizen Participation Plans, and all other applicable regulations (Federal, State, and local).

## AP-35: Projects

<b>Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.</b>
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The City's allocation priorities reflect alignment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and to the needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan identified highest priority needs through data analysis, extensive community engagement, public survey results, consultation with stakeholders, and reviews of other plans and studies developed for the City and its region. The needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan supported the Consolidated Plan allocation priorities and was used to inform the activities selected to address each priority. The key strategic priorities that emerged from the Consolidated Plan process that these projects are designed to address are listed below:

### Homelessness

The 500 respondents to the Consolidated Plan Housing and Community Needs Survey ranked the City's homelessness needs above all other types of needs surveyed. Additionally, public meeting participants frequently discussed needs related to homelessness. These included needs for more low-barrier shelter space, case management for people experiencing homelessness, job and skills training, drug/alcohol counseling, and shelters for LGBTQ people that are not coupled to requirements for religious participation. The 2023 Annual Action Plan needs assessment identified particular need among populations including domestic violence survivors, veterans, LGBTQ, deaf and hard-of-hearing, people with intellectual disabilities, youth, victims of human trafficking, and the elderly. Services of particular need identified included outreach utilizing social workers and psychologists to engage people experiencing homelessness; homeless prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing services; the provision of preventative services for residents with HIV/AIDS; increasing the number of low- and no-barrier shelters throughout the City with a focus on keeping families intact; tenant-based rental assistance, security deposits, and utility payments to house very low- and low-income residents; increasing the reach of the Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) through a mobile program; and designating safe camp locations with wrap-around services. Applications which included these particular populations or services received additional points in accordance with the scorecard released with the NOFA.

### Affordable Housing

Although two-bedroom rental prices have decreased year-over-year (-8.2%<sup>1</sup>) since January 2022, nearly three-in-five (57.5%) of Fresno renters are considered cost burdened – spending more than 30% of their household income on rent; nearly half (48.3%) of Fresno renters spend more than 35%<sup>2</sup> according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup> Zumper. (2023, January 30). *Zumper National Rent Report*. Retrieved from Zumper.com: <https://www.zumper.com/blog/rental-price-data/>

<sup>2</sup> *Data Profiles*. (2021). Retrieved from Census.gov: <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/>



Compounding the housing affordability issue is the fact that home prices have increased far more drastically (52.2% from December 2017 to December 2022<sup>1</sup>) than household income (20% from December 2017 to December 2022<sup>2</sup>). The change in home prices translates to a staggering \$149,649<sup>3</sup> median increase during that time.

Public meeting participants and stakeholders interviewed as part of the development of the Consolidated Plan identified a wide variety of needs related to housing affordability in the City. For many, the issue was primarily related to expanding the supply and improving the quality of rental housing.

The needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan further identified the particular need for owner-occupied home repair among people with disabilities, people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, elderly people, and non-English speaking residents or residents with low English proficiency. Residents also conveyed the need for homebuyer assistance programs, funding additional programs which allow people to build their own home, further development of affordable multi-unit housing, encouraging mixed-income neighborhoods, creating tiny home villages in coordination with local religious institutions that own undeveloped land, housing specifically for those with mental health needs, rent stabilization regulations, and bureaucratic fast-lanes for affordable housing development. Applications which included these populations received additional points in accordance with the scorecard released with the Consolidated NOFA on December 19, 2022.

#### Public Infrastructure & City-Owned Facilities

Other than homelessness-related needs, street, road, and sidewalk improvements were ranked more highly than any other needs queried in the Consolidated Plan survey. Participants also ranked parks, gymnasiums, outdoor recreation space, and youth centers among the highest priorities just behind street, road, and sidewalk improvements.

During the needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, residents strongly identified the need for street and sidewalk improvements in neighborhoods comprised predominantly of households with low- and moderate-incomes; access to free public Wi-Fi in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods; and the construction of water stations to provide clean drinking water, showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The needs identified align with the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and for this reason, additional points were awarded to applications which improved neighborhoods in locations designated as racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RECAPs) as defined by HUD and met the needs identified during the community needs assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> Realtor.com, Housing Inventory: Median Listing Price per Square Feet in Fresno, CA (CBSA) [MEDLISPRIPERSQUFEE23420], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/MEDLISPRIPERSQUFEE23420>, February 14, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> *Data Profiles*. (2021). Retrieved from Census.gov: <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/>

<sup>3</sup> The median home size in Fresno is 1,803 sq. ft. according to data compiled by American Home Shield.

American Home Shield. (2022, May). *The 2022 American Home Size Index*. Retrieved from ahs.com: <https://www.ahs.com/home-matters/real-estate/the-2022-american-home-size-index/>

## Community Services

Stakeholders and public meeting participants, including groups of seniors and teens, were instrumental in identifying these high-priority community services needs during the development of the Consolidated Plan. The Community Need Scorecard exercise used in public meeting settings generally shows these types of needs as lower priority than those related to homelessness and affordable housing, yet many of the activity types included in the description of this priority were nonetheless ranked highly by survey respondents. The top five public service needs ranked by survey respondents included drug abuse and crime prevention, child abuse prevention, afterschool services, employment training, and neighborhood deterioration. These needs were frequently named in public meeting settings as well.

During the needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, residents identified particular need for afterschool enrichment programs with a focus on social interaction to combat the mental health impacts of COVID-19; enhanced programming for youth in existing parks and recreation centers; affordable childcare and daycare options for low- and moderate-income families; personal and professional development programs like money management, workforce training, and employment programs; recreation, nutrition, and social services for seniors; improving medical and mental health care access to include counseling and recovery programs for people with alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders; transportation services for low- and moderate-income people to attend medical, housing, and aid appointments; a location to allow people to shower, launder clothes, or obtain toiletries, clothing, etc.; a location to provide feminine hygiene products, referrals to supportive services, counseling, and dental services; and micro-enterprise assistance. Applications which included these services received additional points in accordance with the scorecard released with the Consolidated NOFA on December 19, 2022. In alignment with the needs assessment and the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, applications also received additional points if they benefited people primarily residing in racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RECAPs).

## Fair Housing

Survey responses reveal a gap in the community's understandings of fair housing and a need for greater education and enforcement around this subject. While 64% of respondents reported knowing their fair housing rights, fewer than half (45%) knew where to file a complaint of housing discrimination. Further, 20% of respondents (91 individuals) said they had experienced some form of housing discrimination since living in the City, with more than four in five of those instances going unreported. Stakeholder interviews further support this priority and particularly indicate wrongful evictions as a fair housing issue to be addressed. The 2023 needs assessment continued to support these needs, and for this reason, the 2023 Annual Action Plan includes funding for Fair Housing. The notice of funding availability will be developed in consultation with Fair Housing subject matter experts, and responsive to the needs identified by the Consolidated Plan, the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and the 2023 needs assessment.

## Programmatic Compliance

These are necessary administrative costs associated with ensuring effective coordination and delivery of services to City residents and compliance with federal regulations. Additionally,

during the needs assessment conducted in support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, participants identified the need for increased outreach and community engagement.

**Project Summary**

**Table 13 - Project Summary**

#	Project Name
1	Affordable Housing Development - Land Acquisition
2	Housing Rehabilitation (Non-Profit)
3	Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery
4	Senior Exterior Repair Program
5	Affordable Housing Development or Rehabilitation
6	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside
7	Non-Profit Public Services
8	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
9	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
10	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV
11	Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Improvements
12	Demolition for Public Facility
13	CDBG Program Administration and Planning
14	HOME Program Administration
15	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV Program Administration
16	Fair Housing

**Table 14 - IDIS Entry: Land Acquisition**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	1
Project Name	Affordable Housing Development - Land Acquisition
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$2,154,581.61
Description	Acquire land for the development of safe and affordable housing
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Homeowner housing rehabilitations: 15 household housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	01: Acquisition of Real Property (24 CFR 570.201(e))

**Table 15 - IDIS Entry: Housing Rehabilitation (Non-Profit)**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	2
Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation (Non-Profit)
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$700,000
Description	Address the home repair, building systems, and housing rehabilitation needs of low-income homeowners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Help Enterprises - \$700,000</li> </ul>
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Homeowner housing rehabilitations: 15 household housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	14A: Single-Unit Residential Rehabilitation (24 CFR 570.202)

**Table 16 - IDIS Entry: Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	3
Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
Description	CDBG funds will pay for the delivery costs associated with housing rehabilitation targeted to income-eligible households
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	N/A
Location Description	2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno CA 93721
Planned Activity	14H: Rehabilitation Administration (24 CFR 570.202)

**Table 17 - IDIS Entry: Senior Exterior Repair Program**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	4
Project Name	Senior Exterior Repair Program
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
Description	CDBG funds to provide an exterior home repair program for low-moderate-income owner-occupied senior households. The repairs may include but are not limited to: health & safety, paint, windows, screens, water heaters, roofs, doors, minor electrical, accessibility, fencing, and lead hazards.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 15 household housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	14A: Single-Unit Residential Rehabilitation (24 CFR 570.202)

**Table 18 - IDIS Entry: Affordable Housing Development or Rehabilitation**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	5
Project Name	Affordable Housing Development or Rehabilitation
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	HOME: \$2,683,562
Description	HOME funds will be loaned to local affordable housing developers to finance the development or rehabilitation of single- or multi-family housing projects affordable to low-income households.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Goal Indicators	Units constructed: 22 household housing units
Location Description	To Be Determined
Planned Activity	Development/Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing

**Table 19 - IDIS Entry - Community Housing Development Organization Set-Aside**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	6
Project Name	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	HOME (CHDO): \$536,713
Description	HOME funds will be loaned to a qualified CHDO to finance the development of housing affordable to low-income households. Developments may be either rental or homebuyer.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Goal Indicators	Homeowner housing added: 2 household housing units
Location Description	To Be Determined
Planned Activity	Rental housing development or homebuyer housing development

**Table 20 - IDIS Entry: Non-Profit Public Services**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	7
Project Name	Non-Profit Public Services
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$195,149
Description	CDBG funds will be provided to local non-profits to support programs that serve predominantly low- and moderate-income clientele. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Valley Justice Coalition - \$89,441</li> <li>• Marjaree Mason Center - \$105,708</li> </ul>
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Public service activities: 155 people assisted
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	05: Public Services (24 CFR 570.201(e))

**Table 21 - IDIS Entry: Micro-Enterprise Assistance**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	8
Project Name	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
Description	Technical assistance or general support services to owners and developers of microenterprises. A microenterprise is a business with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s).
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Public service activities: 18 micro-enterprises assisted
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	18C: Microenterprise Assistance (24 CFR 570.201(o))

**Table 22 - IDIS Entry: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	9
Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Homeless and Homelessness Prevention
Needs Addressed	Homelessness
Funding	ESG: \$601,082
Description	<p>ESG funds will be used to provide homeless prevention services, shelter assistance, street outreach, and rapid rehousing services for homeless people and people at risk of homelessness; and to provide Homeless Management Information Systems and Administration support for the grant program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverello House – HOPE Team - \$201,362</li> <li>• Poverello House – Rapid Rehousing - \$135,973</li> <li>• WestCare California – Project UNITE - \$218,666</li> <li>• Administration - \$45,081</li> </ul>
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	<p>Street Outreach: 800 people assisted</p> <p>Rapid rehousing: 53 households assisted</p>
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	<p>Street Outreach</p> <p>Homeless Prevention</p> <p>Rapid Rehousing</p> <p>Grant Administration and Oversight</p>



**Table 23 - IDIS Entry: Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	10
Project Name	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV
Target Area	Countywide
Goals Supported	Homeless and Homelessness Prevention
Needs Addressed	Homelessness
Funding	HOPWA: \$960,487
Description	<p>HOPWA funds will be used to provide housing assistance and housing-related supportive services for people living with AIDS/HIV and their families. HOPWA funds will be used for supportive services, housing information and referral services, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WestCare Living Room - \$960,487</li> </ul>
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	<p>Tenant-based rental assistance: 20 households assisted</p> <p>Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance: 40 people assisted</p> <p>Transition or Short-Term Housing: 8 housing units</p>
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	<p>Supportive services</p> <p>HIV/AIDS Housing Operations</p> <p>Housing Information/Referral</p> <p>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</p> <p>Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance</p>

**Table 24 - IDIS Entry: Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Improvements**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	11
Project Name	Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Improvements
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and City-Owned Facilities
Funding	CDBG: \$2,043,594.22
Description	<p>Neighborhood street and sidewalk improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to potentially include pavement reconstruction, sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine - \$1,258,100</li> <li>Knight Ave Street Improvements - \$785,494.22</li> </ul>
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Public facility or infrastructure activities: 8,948 people assisted
Location Description	Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods
Planned Activity	03K: Street Improvements – 24 CFR 570.201(c)

**Table 25 - IDIS Entry: Demolition for Public Facility**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	12
Project Name	Demolition for Public Facility
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and City-Owned Facilities
Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000
Description	Demolition of site acquired for the development of a senior center.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	One building
Location Description	4343 and 4323-4333 N Blackstone
Planned Activity	04: Clearance and Demolition – 24 CFR 570.201(d)

**Table 26 - IDIS Entry: CDBG Program Administration and Planning**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	13
Project Name	CDBG Program Administration and Planning
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Compliance
Needs Addressed	Programmatic Compliance
Funding	CDBG: \$1,379,432.20
Description	Grant monitoring and administration, planning, historic preservation, and environmental assessments.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Stated goal: Full compliance with adopted Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Citizen Participation Plans, and all other applicable regulations (Federal, State, Local, and HUD)
Location Description	2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721
Planned Activity	21A: General Administration (24 CFR 570.206)

**Table 27 - IDIS Entry: HOME Program Administration**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	14
Project Name	HOME Program Administration
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Compliance
Needs Addressed	Programmatic Compliance
Funding	HOME: \$357,808
Description	Grant administration and oversight of the program and HOME-funded projects.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Stated goal: Full compliance with adopted Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Citizen Participation Plans, and all other applicable regulations (Federal, State, Local, and HUD)
Location Description	2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721
Planned Activity	Grant monitoring and administration

**Table 28 - IDIS Entry: HOPWA Program Administration**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	15
Project Name	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV Program Administration
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Compliance
Needs Addressed	Programmatic Compliance
Funding	HOPWA: \$29,705
Description	HOPWA funds will be used for administrative and compliance oversight activities associated with HOPWA-funded projects.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Stated goal: Full compliance with adopted Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Citizen Participation Plans, and all other applicable regulations (Federal, State, Local, and HUD)
Location Description	2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721
Planned Activity	Grant monitoring and administration

**Table 29 - IDIS Entry: Fair Housing**

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	16
Project Name	Fair Housing
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Fair Housing
Needs Addressed	Promote Fair Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
Description	CDBG administration funds will be used to support fair housing outreach, education, and referral services consistent with the recommended activities of the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Goal Indicators	Stated goal: Outreach, education, and referral services for low- and moderate-income prospective home buyers and tenants
Location Description	2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721
Planned Activity	21D: Fair Housing Activities (24 CFR 570.206(c))

## AP-50: Geographic Distribution

### Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan generally allocates CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars according to low- and moderate-income (LMI) census tracts without specification of target areas. However, in alignment with the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, certain projects which are targeted to racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RECAPs) are given preference. These project types include public service activities, public infrastructure and facility improvements, and owner-occupied home repair programs. Affordable Housing development is prioritized in areas of opportunity.

### Geographic Distribution

Table 30 - Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan does not formally identify any specific target areas. The City will invest resources throughout the City, with the understanding that most funding will go toward the improvement of predominantly low- and moderate-income residential areas identified as racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (RECAPs) to include south Fresno. RECAPs are defined by HUD as areas where the poverty rate is 40% or more, and the non-white population is 50% or more. The number of RECAPs located within the City increased from 26 in 2000 to 40 in 2010. Residents and stakeholders who participated in the 2023 needs assessment strongly identified the need to invest in these communities through services and infrastructure while emphasizing the need to provide more housing options in areas of opportunity to provide services and amenities more equitably and increase access to opportunity for people with low- and moderate-incomes.

HUD generally awards HOPWA funds on a regional basis to the largest city within a HOPWA-eligible region. Fresno, therefore, receives and administers HOPWA funding for the entirety of Fresno County, known as its "Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area" or EMSA. The City is required to serve eligible people living anywhere within the EMSA and not just within City limits.

## AP-55: Affordable Housing

### Introduction

The City anticipates expending a significant portion of its federal allocation dollars on the preservation and provision of affordable housing. Over the 2023 program year, the City anticipates partnering with affordable housing developers to support the construction of 22 units affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

### One-Year Goals for the Number of Households to Be Supported

Note that the below totals represent the number of households to be supported using HOME funds only. Additional households will be supported through ESG, HOPWA, and CDBG funds for these activities as noted in the footnotes.

**Table 31 - Households Supported by Household Type**

Household Type	Number of Households Supported
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	24 <sup>1</sup>
Special Needs	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>24</i>

**Table 32 - Households Supported by Assistance Type**

Assistance Type	Number of Households Supported
Rental Assistance	0 <sup>2</sup>
The Production of New Units	24
Rehab of Existing Units	0 <sup>3</sup>
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>24</i>

<sup>1</sup> 30 non-homeless households to be assisted using CDBG funds

<sup>2</sup> 121 households to be assisted with ESG Rapid Rehousing, ESG rental assistance, HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance, HOPWA short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, or HOPWA transitional/short-term housing

<sup>3</sup> 30 households to be assisted with CDBG-funded owner-occupied home repair programs through Self-Help Enterprises and the City of Fresno's Senior Exterior Repair Program.

## AP-60: Public Housing

### Introduction

Fresno residents are served by the Fresno Housing Authority, or Fresno Housing (FH). FH works to create vibrant communities, build quality-affordable housing, and empower nearly 50,000 residents throughout Fresno County to achieve their goals. The FH 2023 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan identifies 448 traditional public housing units, many of which will undergo demolition, disposition, or conversion to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) in coming years.

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

The FH is continually planning for and working toward improvements to its existing housing as well as the development of new units. FH administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program, provides housing and service programs, and develops high-quality, affordable units with an emphasis on sustainability and aesthetic designs that uniquely fit the neighborhood. Within Fresno, there are currently ten new properties under development or planned for rehabilitation and construction for the next year. In its 2023 Annual Plan, FH contemplates several mixed-finance developments that would potentially draw upon a variety of financing options, including Public Housing Capital Funds, rental subsidy, Project Based Vouchers, Project Based Rental Assistance Vouchers, and/or Public Housing Operating reserves. The FH 2023 Annual Plan states that six of the city's public housing sites are being considered for demolition or disposition and conversion to a different low-income housing type or community facility. These six sites are Desoto Gardens (28 units), Sequoia Courts (60 units), Sequoia Courts Terrace (78 units), Sierra Plaza (70 units), Fairview Heights Terrace (64 units), and Sierra Terrace (26 units). Nine sites are also planned for conversion under the RAD program between 2023 and 2024: Desoto Gardens (28 units), Sequoia Courts (60 units), Sequoia Courts Terrace (78 units), Sierra Plaza (70 units), Fairview Heights Terrace (64 units), Sierra Terrace (26 units), Yosemite Village II (69 units), Parc Grove Commons II (31 units), and Pacific Gardens (22 units). Conversion of these sites under the RAD program may include demolition, rehabilitation, or new construction at these sites.

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

FH currently offers a number of virtual activities for residents to increase their involvement, improve their health goals, and include efforts to assist residents with goals related to homeownership. FH has a small portfolio of single-family homes designated for sale as part of its Public Housing Homeownership Opportunities Program (HOP). Existing participants in HOP make monthly rental payments and a portion of those payments are deposited into a reserve to be used for down payment assistance upon their eventual purchase of the home. Participating families receive homeownership counseling and financial literacy training as they work toward purchasing their home.

FH refers families inquiring about homeownership to HUD approved Local Housing Counseling agencies to pre-purchase housing counseling and financial management workshops. Families

are referred to resources regarding credit counseling and other homeownership ready workshops in the community as needed.

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

Not applicable – the Fresno Housing Authority is not designated as “troubled.”



## AP-65: Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

### Introduction

The City is covered by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), a network of service providers covering Fresno and Madera counties. The FMCoC brings together housing and service providers to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Funding sources being utilized in the coordination of homelessness services include HUD entitlement funds, State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP), one-time HUD COVID-19 emergency funds (CDBG-CV and ESG-CV), Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Funds, and State Emergency Rental Assistance Funds (through SB91).

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

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

During the 2023 program year, the City will award new federal entitlement funding to organizations and/or projects for the following street outreach and emergency shelter activities:

- Poverello House – HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement)
- WestCare California – The Living Room
- WestCare California – Project UNITE

Federal entitlement funds will be used to complement existing street outreach, emergency shelter, and supportive services. The below totals represent funding planned to be used for these activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025 (excluding the new funds included in this plan):

- \$5,593,326 for Street Outreach, Homelessness Prevention, and Diversion – including funding for street outreach to Kings View and the Poverello House's Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement Team; homeless prevention and diversion to WestCare California's Project UNITE program, and adding funding for tenant/landlord counseling
- \$88,682,857 for Emergency Shelter Services and Homeless Triage Centers – including funding for: the County of Fresno's Joint COVID-19 homeless response providing 423 temporary beds through August 2021; Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission's Homeless Youth Services, providing 6 beds; the Fresno Housing Authority's Project Homekey shelter operations, providing 327 rooms; the City of Fresno's acquisition and operation of the former Travel Inn site and at least one other site, providing at least 60 rooms; and funding for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing for victims of domestic violence

The City's Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART) also assists people who are experiencing homelessness in more qualitative ways. Their goals are to protect, assess, and connect unhoused people and families with permanent housing, resources, and a pathway out of homelessness; and manage street homelessness by providing compassionate, responsive, lawful, and effective outreach.

Helping homeless people (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City will award new federal entitlement funding to nonprofit organizations for the following activities to prevent homelessness and to support people experiencing homelessness make the transition to permanent housing:

- Poverello House – Rapid Rehousing Program
- WestCare – Project UNITE
- WestCare – The Living Room

The City will also work to increase the availability of affordable housing in the City by using HOME funds to support the development of affordable housing, including housing for seniors and people with disabilities, and CDBG funds to provide housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners and acquire land for the development of affordable housing. The City will also increase the availability of affordable housing for homeless individuals by using HOME-ARP funds to support the development of affordable rental housing.

The federal entitlement funds will be used to complement existing transitional housing and rental assistance services. The below totals represent funding planned to be used for these activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025 (excluding the new funds included in this plan):

- \$38,298,504 for Transitional Housing and Rental Assistance – including funding for direct rental assistance to landlords on behalf of tenants facing financial hardship through the State and Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Programs; tenant-based rental assistance provided by the Fresno Housing Authority; a rapid rehousing program offered by Poverello House, and additional deposit assistance and rental assistance programs included as part of the Joint COVID-19 homeless response, and the Citywide emergency homeless response

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

The City will award new federal entitlement funding to housing and service providers in the City to prevent homelessness in populations who are vulnerable or at risk of homelessness. The City will support the following homelessness prevention programs with federal entitlement funds during the program year:

- WestCare – Project UNITE
- WestCare – Living Room

The federal entitlement funds will be used to complement existing transitional housing and rental assistance services. The below totals represent funding planned to be used for these activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025 (excluding the new funds included in this plan):

- \$10,028,374 for Supportive Services – including funding for a mobile medical clinic to provide services to homeless individuals in underserved parts of the City; family services provided by Poverello House and Marjaree Mason Center; a homeless employment program provided by Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission; and additional funding for navigation services for both the joint COVID-19 homeless response and the Citywide emergency homeless response

## AP-70: HOPWA Goals

**Table 33 - HOPWA Goals**

HOPWA Activity	Households Assisted
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family (STRMU)	40
Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)	20
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	8
<i>Total</i>	68

## AP-75: Barriers to Affordable Housing

**Actions planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment:**

The City will continue to implement activities that remove barriers to affordable housing, such as its 50% fee reduction for residential project permits in inner city areas like Downtown, Highway City, Pinedale, and Herndon Townsite. In 2021, the City's fee waiver program waived \$1.7 million in development fees for five infill projects. Twenty-six (26) of the 31 entitlement applications for downtown development were completed in less than 75 days, pursuant to the City's development incentive timelines. The City's Downtown Displacement Program continues with the production of a 2021 Here to Stay displacement prevention report that informed the One Fresno Housing Strategy, released in April of 2022. The One Fresno Housing Strategy contains 71 programs organized under the objectives of housing preservation, displacement prevention, and promotion of equity, with a special set of programs designed to shelter the unhoused. Programs that were adopted by the City Council in 2022 include:

- Allocation of \$1,950,000 to the Central Fresno Neighborhood Trust to prevent displacement, acquire, and rehabilitate 50 rental units.
- Allocation of \$222,500 to Central California Land Trust, a mechanism that allows for permanent affordability.
- Allocation of an additional \$2,000,000 to the City's Eviction Protection Program.
- Allocation of an additional \$3,500,000 to the City's recently created Local Housing Trust Fund.
- Allocation of \$5,000,000 to No Place Like Home for the Downpayment Assistance Program.
- Allocation of \$5,000,000 to No Place Like Home for the creation of two tiny home villages.
- Allocation of \$850,000 to Fresno City College to allow students to create 24 tiny homes for low-income households.

To encourage the development of transit-oriented development and affordable housing, the City has zoned mixed use along transit corridors, and offers transit-oriented development (TOD) height and density bonuses which can be combined with a density bonus for affordable housing. In addition, in October 2021, a zone change removed the density caps in all five zone districts which allow mixed-use development, further incentivizing transit-oriented affordable housing development. Several affordable housing and transit-oriented development projects have been constructed or are in progress in the City, including the recently completed 88-unit affordable housing project called The Link (1661 Home Ave); and Alegre Commons, an affordable 42-unit multifamily project (130 W. Barstow Ave). Projects in the pipeline include Hagaman Apartment Complex, a 17-unit affordable housing project (1015 E Home Ave); the Monarch, an affordable 57-unit multifamily project in Chinatown (1101 F St); and Clinton Family Apartments, an affordable 78-unit multifamily project (1538 E. Clinton Ave).

## AP-85: Other Actions

### Introduction

This section details the City's actions planned to ensure safe and affordable housing for its residents, along with plans to meet underserved needs, reduce poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private sector housing and community development agencies.

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to coordinate with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care and the County of Fresno on a comprehensive coordinated homeless housing and services delivery system that assists people experiencing homelessness in making the transition from homelessness to independent or supportive permanent housing, and in accessing education, physical and mental health services, employment training, and life skills development.

The City will also continue to identify new funding sources to improve infrastructure and public services activities in areas of the City experiencing the greatest need. Examples include the financing and construction of a senior center with affordable senior housing, the development of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, and catalyzing projects implemented as part of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program. The City's Proactive Rental Housing Inspection Program and Reactive Rental Housing Teams will continue to address rental housing quality through baseline inspections and rental registry development.

In April 2022, the City announced its One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program which utilized a \$7.4 million grant from the State of California and California Volunteers to hire youth ages 16-30 years old, pay them a living wage, and provide training and wrap-around services. The goal of the program is to provide job training, case management, and mentorship to the city's most vulnerable youth.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will fund multiple programs to foster housing affordability, including continuing to use HOME and State of California Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to support development of affordable housing through partnerships with affordable housing developers and community housing development organizations. The City will also continue to support applications and provide technical assistance to developers utilizing low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC), and continuously identify and pursue other potential funding sources and strategies to encourage the development of affordable housing.

In addition to specific programs designed to foster and maintain affordable housing, the City will review its zoning ordinances for prospective barriers to affordable housing development and make amendments as needed. The City received a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant to prepare a successful affordable housing trust fund proposal. The City established a local housing trust fund and received an award from the State of California for matching funds resulting in an additional \$5 million for affordable housing development.

The City was also made eligible for an additional \$11.9 million in federal entitlement funds under the American Rescue Plan Action through the HOME-ARP program to address affordable housing and mitigate the effects of COVID-19 amongst the City's most vulnerable populations.

The City has also allocated portions of its ARPA funds for the development of affordable housing (\$54.2 million) and a voucher assistance program (\$1 million). Furthermore, the City allocated \$3 million in general funds for an affordable housing development project.

#### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue to conduct lead-based paint inspections and, if a hazard is found, remediation. These actions will both reduce lead exposure risk and help to maintain the City's older, lower, and moderately priced housing. Any housing rehabilitation activities conducted using HOME and CDBG funds will continue to monitor closely for any potential lead exposure.

#### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

One of the City's primary goals is to reduce the number of individuals who are homeless. The City will continue to collaborate with the FMCoC and the County to coordinate with homeless, housing, and service providers, particularly in the implementation of the City's COVID-19 homelessness response and emergency homeless response, and annual homelessness entitlement programs. The City assists individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through its partnerships with non-profit agencies that provide job search and resume assistance and connections to workforce development opportunities, as well as emergency shelter; transitional housing; and services such as food, clothing, and childcare.

Another goal of City is to increase the development of affordable housing. As such, the City will also continue to focus on the development of affordable housing, both multi-family rental and single-family home ownership, that is located near transportation to help poverty-level families access more employment opportunities, while lowering transportation and housing costs. The City has multiple funding sources, in addition to its own general fund dollars, that will help support its goal to increase the number of affordable housing units including: CDBG, HOME, ARPA, PLHA, and LHTF.

#### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City has developed a robust administrative structure to manage its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds. The City's Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) staff continues to seek online and in-person training to improve and enhance their knowledge of federal and state requirements. HCDD also requires its subrecipients, CHDOs, and contractors to participate in annual technical assistance to ensure compliance with regulations. HCDD also has a staff position dedicated to compliance activities to enhance its monitoring roles and responsibilities.

Additionally, the City's citizen participation process is designed to make engaged and informed citizens a vital part of the institutional structure. City plans focused on affordable housing, homelessness, and workforce development provide overarching goals and frameworks for collaboration among agencies and the use of federal, state, local, and other funding.

<b>Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies</b>
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The City will continue to participate as a member of the FMCoC and coordinate with other jurisdictional leaders and non-profit partners. The City will also enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies both programmatically by coordinating the planning of available funds and through individual initiatives, such as the City's HART Team. The City's HART Team partners with local homeless providers, Fresno Police Department, CalTrans, and others to address homeless encampments living in dangerous conditions, such as along the City's highways, connecting individuals with services and emergency shelter. Many of the individuals are offered emergency shelter along Parkway Drive, where multiple hotels and motels were acquired by either the City or Fresno Housing Authority using State of California Project Homekey funds or City CARES Act funds, operated by various service providers in part utilizing ESG-CV and CDBG-CV funds.

To continue to grow and strengthen the relationship with the Fresno Housing Authority, the City focused on the creation of the Voucher Incentive Program. On December 9, 2021, the City Council elected to use a portion of the City's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support the COVID-19 public health and Economic Response by addressing the impact on low-income households by using funds to help increase the supply of affordable housing. As part of the fiscal year 2023 budget planning cycle efforts, the City allocated \$42 million of ARPA funds to support the execution of the One Fresno Housing Strategy. The Voucher Incentive Program aims to assist up to 500 existing, low-income housing voucher holders who are unable to find a lease and leverage existing vouchers. The program will be implemented by the Fresno Housing Authority. The Voucher Incentive Program will establish a signing incentive designed to attract new partner landlords and new affordable units in high opportunity areas, assist tenants with deposits and credit checks, establish a damage repair fund, and offer vacancy loss payments. The Voucher Incentive Program does not create a new voucher system, but it improves leasing success rates for existing voucher holders and assists low-income families through a variety of program elements. Signing incentives will encourage new landlords to join the Fresno Housing Authority and rent to voucher holders. The program incentivizes housing units that are made available in high opportunity neighborhoods or small areas where fair market rent payment is standard.



## AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

### Introduction

Projects planned with CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table (see AP-35). The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

**Table 34 - CDBG Program Income**

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

### Other CDBG Requirements

**Table 35 - Other CDBG Requirements**

Program Income Type	Program Income
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2a. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit people of low and moderate income.	100%
2b. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	2023

### HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

The City will not employ other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

**2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

The City will use the recapture provisions in all cases where a homebuyer subsidy exists. For HOME-funded homebuyer assistance loans, the Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, Declaration of Restrictions, and the Homebuyer Agreement are the enforcement mechanisms for the City's recapture provisions. The City will enforce minimum periods of affordability based on the amount of homebuyer subsidy provided to the buyer of not less than:

- Five years for less than \$15,000,
- Ten years for between \$15,000-\$40,000, and
- Fifteen years for more than \$40,000.

Recapture provisions are based on 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (5) (ii), which stipulates the conditions for recapture of the HOME investment used to assist low-income families in purchasing a home. Homebuyer recapture provisions are included in the recorded deed of trust that secures a HOME loan note, or as a deed restriction rider. This requires recapture of funds if the home does not continue to be the borrower's principal residence or if all or any part of the property or any interest in it is sold, rented, conveyed, or transferred during the affordability period. Recapture provisions also stipulate that only the direct subsidy to the homebuyer is subject to recapture, which includes down payment assistance, closing cost, other home assistance provided directly to homebuyer, and the difference between fair market value and the sales price.

The net proceeds are the sale price minus the senior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment plus enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since the purchase, the City may share the net proceeds. The net proceeds may be divided proportionally between the City and the homeowner as set forth in the following mathematical formulas:

$$\frac{(HOME\ subsidy \times Net\ proceeds)}{(HOME\ subsidy + Homeowner\ investment)} = HOME\ amount\ to\ be\ recaptured$$

$$\frac{(Homeowner\ investment \times Net\ proceeds)}{(HOME\ subsidy + Homeowner\ investment)} = Amount\ to\ homeowner$$

In the event of foreclosure, the amount subject to recapture is based on the amount of net proceeds (if any) from the foreclosure sale.

**3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds-see 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4)-are as follows:**

The City does not use its HOME Program funds to refinance existing debt for multifamily housing projects.

**4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

The City does not provide HOME funds for the refinancing of multi-family housing.

<b>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)</b>
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**1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)**

The City will continue to work cooperatively with Fresno County and the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) to update the ESG Policies and Procedures. A copy of the current document is included in Appendix D. In addition, the City, Fresno County, and FMCoC are also continuing to update and document written standards.

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

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used by all local homeless providers participating in the FMCoC. HMIS is a database used to track performance and outcomes for the agencies. As the HMIS Lead of the FMCoC, the Fresno Housing Authority plays a critical role in coordinating the annual Point-in-Time Count (PITC), collecting data, and distributing results from the annual count. The work of the Fresno Housing Authority in this regard meets and exceeds HUD requirements for the implementation and compliance of Homeless Management Information System Standards.

The FMCoC's Coordinated Entry System utilizes a common assessment tool – the Vulnerability Index (VI). The VI gave the community a way to identify and triage individuals most at risk. The VI was enhanced to the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), which further triaged individuals' priority for housing and other services.

All member agencies of the FMCoC have committed to using both the assessment tool and the Coordinated Entry System managed in partnership by FMCoC members. The assessment system is a client-centered process that streamlines access to the most appropriate housing interventions for individuals or families experiencing homelessness.

The Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) Point at the Poverello House was the first coordinated physical entry point collectively developed by the Community Conversations stakeholder group. The MAP Point at the Poverello House serves as a physical location of the Coordinated Entry System. The program has proved successful in its first two years and has begun expansion. Main components of this process include:

1. Assessment
2. Navigation and case conferencing
3. Housing referral with choice
4. Data collection and communication

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

The City issued a request for applications for the 2023-2024 program year. Prior to this release, the City consulted with the FMCoC on the needs of homeless in the community and the best use of ESG funds per category. Through the 2023 community needs assessment, the City has determined the following priorities:

- Outreach organizations utilizing social workers and psychologists to engage people experiencing homelessness to assist them with finding services and resources
- Homelessness prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing services for homeless and potentially homeless individuals and families
- Provide homeless and homelessness prevention services for residents with HIV/AIDS
- Increasing the number of low- and no-barrier shelters throughout the City with a focus on keeping families in-tact
- Tenant-based rental assistance, security deposits, and utility payments to house very low and low-income residents
- Services for special populations including but not limited to victims of domestic violence or human trafficking, veterans, youth aging out of foster care
- Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) Point pilot program to increase mobile MAP Point availability
- Safe camp locations with wrap-around services

Proposals that propose to provide these priorities were given additional points in the scoring process. Proposals providing ESG services to populations outside of the identified high priority populations or which included other services for homeless people were also considered for funding.

Applicants could propose to provide all or a portion of the ESG eligible activities stated above. Qualified/eligible vendor(s) are those agencies that are State certified non-profit entities, validly existing in California, with a tax-exempt IRS determination letter, as of the date the application is submitted, or public agencies that are qualified to receive ESG funds under applicable federal rules. Qualified/eligible vendors are those that have experience serving the beneficiary populations and experience utilizing federal, state, and/or local funding. The release date for the Consolidated NOFA was presented at each community needs workshop, and the NOFA was published on the City's website, promoted on social media, and distributed to an electronic distribution list of over 500 e-mail addresses.

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

During the development of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City consulted with the FMCoC in making decisions related to ESG funds. The FMCoC includes representation from

the homeless community, which meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a).

#### **5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.**

The following performance standards are outlined in the City's adopted written policies; however, updates to the standards are currently under way:

- Increase the percentage of participants in temporary housing placements (e.g. emergency shelter, transitional housing, and bridge housing) into permanent housing by 10% over the prior program year.
- Increase the number of participants who entered an employment program with no income and exited the program with earned income or an alternate source of income.

## Appendix A: Public Notices and Citizen Outreach

In support of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the City completed the following key citizen participation and consultation activities.

### **Public Notice & Workshop/Hearing Promotion**

The City issued a public notice on October 17, 2022. The Public Notice included information about the HUD CPD programs to be funded through the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the priorities of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and a schedule of activities including the Community Meetings, Public Hearings, Notice of Funding Availability, Comment Period, and City Council consideration. The City distributed the notice along with flyers and social media promoting participation in the workshops in October and November 2022.

On November 16, 2022, the City issued a second public notice adjusting the Public Hearing date to December 1, 2022.

The Notice & Workshop/Hearing Promotional materials were distributed through the following methods:

- Public Notice in the Fresno Bee
- English and Spanish public notices posted to websites of the City Clerk and Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD)
- Public notice promoting workshops and hearing emailed to HCDD's distribution list (500+ recipients)
- Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor posts in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi directing residents to a flyer promoting the workshops (8,813 reach, 15,758 impressions; 368 engagements)
- Digital flyers in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi distributed to Fresno Unified, Central Unified, and Sanger Unified school district families
- Digital flyers posted to online calendars for local media outlets: KMPH Fox 26, KFSN ABC30 Action News, YourCentralValley (KSEE/NBC, KGPE/CBS)
- Door-to-door flyer distribution in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi in the area surrounding the Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center

### **Community Needs Consultation Questionnaire**

The City prepared a questionnaire which was distributed to all organizations that were consulted in 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans/Consolidated Plans, as well as any organizations that participated in the 2022 Notice of Funding Availability, or residents who signed up for the HCDD email distribution list. A link was provided to complete the questionnaire using an online survey tool. The objective was to collect as much information as possible regarding community needs from subject matter experts and community leaders representing a broad array of City constituents. As each questionnaire was completed, an email template was sent out to be forwarded to their friends, family, and constituents inviting them to participate in the upcoming community meetings and public hearing.

### **Community Needs Workshops**

Five in-person and four virtual community needs workshops were held between October 27, 2022, and November 28, 2022. The workshops were hosted at Romain Neighborhood Center, Teague Elementary School, Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center, Mosqueda Neighborhood Center, Legacy Commons, and on the Zoom platform. The meetings featured a presentation regarding the Annual Action Plan followed by facilitated break-out rooms. All sessions featured Spanish, Punjabi, Hmong, and American Sign Language interpretation. In total, 94 people attended the meetings.

### **Community Needs Public Hearing**

A Public Hearing was held before the Council of the City of Fresno on December 1, 2022, at 10:05 AM. Spanish, Hmong, and ASL interpretation was provided. The City Council received 4 public comments. An additional Public Hearing was held before the Council of the City of Fresno on April 27, 2023.

### **Notice of Funding Available**

The City released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on December 19, 2022, for five project types: homeless & homelessness prevention, community services, owner-occupied rehabilitation, fair housing, and infrastructure and facility improvements. Applications were requested from City departments, units of local government, and non-profit organizations.


Availability of the notice was promoted at community workshops, on the City's social media pages, noticed in the Fresno Bee, and emailed to a distribution list of 500+ stakeholders and residents who had signed up to receive updates from the City's Housing and Community Development Division.

The NOFA was supported with a detailed handbook and four virtual webinars which were recorded and posted to the City's website for continued access.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF FRESNO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Fresno will receive approximately \$11.7 million of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD) to fund programs and projects to implement the City's housing and community development strategies to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The funds will be sub-awarded to programs and projects operated by City Departments or eligible non-profit organizations to address the most critical community needs outlined in the City's adopted 5-year Consolidated Plan available at [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing).

**The City requests input to identify the most effective activities to implement the following strategies:**

- Provide assistance for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing-first collaborations, and associated supportive services.
- Improve access to affordable housing for low income and special needs households by partnering with interested developers to increase development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.
- Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.
- Provide services to low income and special needs households that develop human capital and improve quality of life.
- Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.
- Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.

A Public Hearing will be held to request input about which eligible activities residents would like to see funded, and how those activities can be most effectively implemented.

**Community Needs Public Hearing (New Date)**  
 December 1, 2022, at 10:05 A.M. or thereafter  
 City Hall

Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the hearing at [fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](http://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need additional accommodations such as interpreters, sign language signers, or the services of a translator, please contact the office of the City Clerk at (559) 621-7650 or [clerk@fresno.gov](mailto:clerk@fresno.gov). To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least three business days prior to the meeting.

City of Fresno  
 November 11, 2022  
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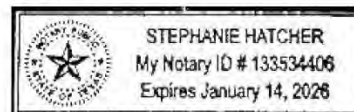
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**CITY OF FRESNO  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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- Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.

The City expects to receive the following funds for fiscal year 2023-2024:

- \$7,184,218 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- \$3,289,681 – HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- \$714,258 – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)
- \$606,586 – Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Community Needs Workshops and a Public Hearing will be held to request input about which eligible activities residents would like to see funded, and how those activities can be most effectively implemented.

**Community Needs Workshop #1**  
October 27, 2022, at 11 AM  
Romain Neighborhood Center

**Community Needs Workshop #2**  
November 1, 2022, at 6 PM  
Mosqueda Neighborhood Center

**Community Needs Workshop #3**

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #1**  
October 28, 2022, at 11 AM  
Join using Zoom: [https://zoom.us/join/register/tJcrcOCvqjIjHNT-ALzaddua1UgCtKiQqrps](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/join/register/tJcrcOCvqjIjHNT-ALzaddua1UgCtKiQqrps)

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #2**  
November 2, 2022, at 6 PM  
Join using Zoom: [https://zoom.us/join/register/tJYud-qvpjwiHt1zmQOiyA\\_gZh2lyWO8zjgk](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/join/register/tJYud-qvpjwiHt1zmQOiyA_gZh2lyWO8zjgk)

City of Fresno  
October 17, 2022



## Public Notice 1 – City Clerk Website, HCDD Website, Email Distribution (2 of 6)

November 9, 2022, at 6 PM  
Teague Elementary School

**Community Needs Workshop #4**  
November 16, 2022, at 2 PM  
Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #3**  
November 7, 2022, at 6 PM  
Join using Zoom: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrceqqrjwEtKaTd5akvRoN6G0kuiOCaMw](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrceqqrjwEtKaTd5akvRoN6G0kuiOCaMw)

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #4**  
November 15, 2022, at 10 AM  
Join using Zoom: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOqtqT8vEtX3vOaLk2\\_PMWrlon1iZ6Dh](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOqtqT8vEtX3vOaLk2_PMWrlon1iZ6Dh)

**Community Needs Public Hearing**  
November 17, 2022, at 10:05 A.M. or thereafter  
City Hall

Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the hearing at [fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Following the Public Hearing, the City will prepare a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD CPD funding. Eligible organizations may submit applications for funding for the projects described in the NOFA.

**Notice of Funding Availability**  
Tentative Release Date: December 19, 2022  
Applications Due: January 27, 2023 by 4:00 P.M.  
[www.fresno.gov/housing](https://www.fresno.gov/housing) under 'Notices of Funding Available' tab

The City will evaluate applications according to the criteria published with the NOFA and prepare a draft Annual Action Plan. Residents are invited to submit comments on the draft plan, which will be addressed in the final version submitted to HUD and presented to the City Council for consideration prior to adopting the plan.

### **2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period**

March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023, at 5 PM

The draft plan will be published at [www.fresno.gov/housing](https://www.fresno.gov/housing) under 'Public Comment Opportunities'

The following options are available for submitting comments:

Submit Comments by Mail:  
City of Fresno  
Planning and Development Department  
Attn: Housing and Community Development  
Division  
2600 Fresno Street Room 3065  
Fresno CA 93721

Submit Comments by Fax:  
559-457-1579

Submit Comments Online:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Y8MDJV>

Submit Comments by Email:  
[HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov)  
Please include "2023 Action Plan" in the  
subject line

Submit Comments by Phone:  
559-621-8300

Submit Comments by TTY:  
559-621-8721

The Council of the City of Fresno will conduct a public hearing to obtain residents views regarding the plan and will thereafter consider the plan for adoption.

**City Council Annual Action Plan Public Hearing**  
April 14, 2023 at 10:05 AM or thereafter

City of Fresno  
October 17, 2022

## Public Notice 1 – City Clerk Website, HCDD Website, Email Distribution (3 of 6)

Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the hearing at [fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and ASL interpretation will be available at all workshops. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need additional accommodations at public hearings, such as interpreters, sign language signers, or the services of a translator, please contact the Housing and Community Development Division by calling 559-621-8300, by emailing [HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov), or by TTY at 559-621-8721. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least three business days prior to the meeting.

City of Fresno  
October 17, 2022

**CIUDAD DE FRESNO**  
**DEPARTAMENTO DE PLANIFICACIÓN Y DESARROLLO**  
**PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL 2022-2023**  
**NECESIDADES DE VIVIENDA Y DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO**

**AVISO DE AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y OPORTUNIDADES DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS**

La ciudad de Fresno recibirá aproximadamente \$11.7 millones de fondos federales de la Oficina del Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de la Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario (HUD CPD, por sus siglas en Inglés) para financiar programas y proyectos para implementar las estrategias de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario de la ciudad de Fresno para beneficiar a personas de bajos y moderados ingresos. Los fondos serán otorgados a programas y proyectos operados por los departamentos de la ciudad de Fresno o elegibles organizaciones sin fines de lucro para abordar las necesidades más críticas de la comunidad delineada en la adopción del Plan Consolidado de 5-años de la ciudad de Fresno disponible en [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing).

La ciudad de Fresno solicita información para identificar las actividades más efectivas para implementar las siguientes estrategias:

- Proveer asistencia a las personas sin hogar y aquellos con riesgo de convertirse en personas sin hogar a través de opciones seguras de refugio de barrera baja, colaboraciones de vivienda primaria, y servicios de apoyo asociados.
- Mejorar el acceso de vivienda asequibles para personas de bajos ingresos y hogares con necesidades especiales asociándose con desarrolladores interesados en aumentar el desarrollo de viviendas asequibles para personas de bajos ingresos y vivienda asequibles en zonas de alta oportunidad y promover la preservación y rehabilitación de unidades de viviendas asequibles existentes.
- Promover la calidad de vida y la revitalización del vecindario a través del mejoramiento en las infraestructura e instalaciones públicas actuales y cerrando brechas en áreas de envejecimiento, de menor calidad o áreas con infraestructura e instalaciones públicas inexistente.
- Proveer servicios a hogares de bajos ingresos y con necesidades especiales que desarrollen el capital humano y mejorar la calidad de vida.
- Proveer servicios a los residentes y proveedores de vivienda para promover la vivienda justa.
- Planificar y administrar fondos para actividades de desarrollo comunitario, viviendas, y personas sin hogar para improvisar transparencia, incrementar la participación de la comunidad y pleno cumplimiento con las regulaciones federales.

La ciudad de Fresno espera recibir los siguientes fondos para el año fiscal 2023-2024:

- \$7,184,218 – Subvención Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en Inglés)
- \$3,289,681 – HOME Programa de Asociación de Inversión (HOME)
- \$714,258 – Programa de Oportunidades de Vivienda para Personas con SIDA/HIV (HOPWA)
- \$606,586 – Subvenciones de Soluciones de Emergencias (ESG)

Se llevará a cabo Talleres de Necesidades de la Comunidad y Audiencias Públicas para solicitar información sobre las actividades elegibles que los residentes les gustaría ver financiadas y cómo se pueden implementar esas actividades de manera más efectivas.

Ciudad de Fresno  
17 de Octubre, 2022



**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria #1**  
27 de Octubre, 2022, a las 11 AM  
Centro Comunitario Romain

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria #2**  
1 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 6 PM  
Centro Comunitario Mosqueda

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitarias #3**  
9 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 6 PM  
Escuela Primaria Teague

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria #4**  
16 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 2 PM  
Centro Comunitario Ted C. Willis

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria Virtual #1**  
28 de Octubre, 2022, a las 11 AM  
Únete usando Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/join/join?jmt=1635441600&pwd=1234567890>

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria Virtual #2**  
2 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 6 PM  
Únete usando Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/join/join?jmt=1635441600&pwd=1234567890>

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria Virtual #3**  
7 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 6 PM  
Únete usando Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/join/join?jmt=1635441600&pwd=1234567890>

**Taller de Necesidades Comunitaria Virtual #4**  
15 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 10 AM  
Únete usando Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/join/join?jmt=1635441600&pwd=1234567890>

**Audiencia Pública de Necesidades Comunitaria**  
17 de Noviembre, 2022, a las 10:05 A.M. o después  
Municipalidad (City Hall)

Las instrucciones para participar estarán disponibles 72 horas antes de la audiencia en  
[fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Después de la Audiencia Pública, la ciudad de Fresno preparará un Aviso de Disponibilidad de Fondos Públicos (NOFA, por sus siglas en Inglés) para fondos de HUD CPD. Las organizaciones elegibles pueden enviar solicitudes para financiar los proyectos descritos en NOFA.

**Aviso de Disponibilidad de Fondos**

Fecha de lanzamiento tentativo: 19 de Diciembre, 2022  
Solicitudes Vencidas: 27 de Enero, 2023 a las 4:00 P.M.

[www.fresno.gov/housing](https://www.fresno.gov/housing) en 'Notices of Funding Available'

La ciudad de Fresno evaluará las solicitudes de acuerdo con los criterios publicados de NOFA y preparará un borrador del Plan de Acción Anual. Se invita a los residentes a enviar comentarios sobre el borrador del plan, que se elaborará en una versión final enviada a HUD y presentada al Consejo Municipal para su consideración antes de adoptar el plan.

**Período de Comentario Público del Plan de Acción Anual 2023-2024**

6 de Marzo, 2023 – 6 de Abril, 2023, a las 5 PM

El borrador se publicará en [www.fresno.gov/housing](https://www.fresno.gov/housing) en 'Public Comment Opportunities'

Las siguientes opciones están disponibles para enviar comentarios:

Ciudad de Fresno  
17 de Octubre, 2022

Enviar Comentarios por Correo:  
City of Fresno  
Planning and Development Department  
Attn: Housing and Community Development  
Division  
2600 Fresno Street Room 3065  
Fresno CA 93721

Enviar Comentario por Fax:  
559-457-1579

Enviar Comentarios en Línea:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Y8MDJV>

Enviar Comentarios por Correo Electrónico:  
[HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov)  
Por favor incluir "2023 Action Plan" en la  
línea de asunto.

Enviar Comentarios por Teléfono:  
559-621-8300

Enviar Comentario por TTY:  
559-621-8721

El Consejo de la ciudad de Fresno llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para obtener las opiniones de los residentes sobre el plan y luego considerará la adopción del plan.

**Audiencia del Plan de Acción Anual del Ayuntamiento**

14 de Abril, 2023 a las 10:05 AM or después

Las instrucciones para participar estarán disponible 72 horas antes de la audiencia en  
[fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Interpretaciones de Español, Hmong, Punjabi, y ASL estarán disponible in todos los talleres. De conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva y la ley Estadounidense de Descapacidades, si necesita acomodaciones adicionales en la audiencia pública, cómo intérpretes, language de señas o servicios de un traductor, debe comunicarse con la División de Vivienda y Desarrollo llamando al 559-621-8300, enviando un correo electrónico a [HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov), o por TTY al 559-621-8721. Para garantizar la disponibilidad, se recomienda realizar la solicitud al menos tres días hábiles antes de la reunión.

Ciudad de Fresno  
17 de Octubre, 2022

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## **Notice of Public Hearings and Comment Periods 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan**

The City of Fresno will receive approximately \$11.7 million of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD) to fund programs and projects to implement the City's housing and community development strategies to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The funds will be sub-awarded to programs and projects operated by City Departments or eligible non-profit organizations to address the most critical community needs outlined in the City's adopted 5-year Consolidated Plan available at [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing).

**The City requests input to identify the most effective activities to implement the following strategies:**

- Provide assistance for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing-first collaborations, and associated supportive services.



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development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

- Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.
- Provide services to low-income and special needs households that develop human capital and improve quality of life.
- Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.
- Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.

The City expects to receive the following funds for fiscal year 2023-2024:

- \$7,184,218 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- \$3,289,681 – HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- \$714,258 – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)
- \$606,586 – Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Community Needs Workshops and a Public Hearing will be held to request input about which eligible activities residents would like to see funded, and how those activities can be most effectively implemented.

**Community Needs Workshop #1**

October 27, 2022, at 11 AM

Romain Neighborhood Center

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #1**

October 28, 2022, at 11 AM

Register using Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcrcOCvqjlJHNT-ALzaddua1UgCtKiQqrps>

**Community Needs Workshop #2**

November 1, 2022, at 6 PM

Mosqueda Neighborhood Center

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**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #3**

November 7, 2022, at 6 PM

Register using Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlrcqggrjwJEtKaTd5akvRoN6G0kuiOCaMw>

**Community Needs Workshop #3**

November 9, 2022, at 6 PM

Teague Elementary School

**Virtual Community Needs Workshop #4**

November 15, 2022, at 10 AM

Register using Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcrdOqtqT8vEtX3vOaLk2\\_PMWrlon1iZ6Dh](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcrdOqtqT8vEtX3vOaLk2_PMWrlon1iZ6Dh)

**Community Needs Workshop #4**

November 16, 2022, at 2 PM

Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center

**Community Needs Public Hearing**

November 17, 2022, at 10:05 A.M. or thereafter

City Hall

Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the hearing at

[fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Following the Public Hearing, the City will prepare a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD CPD funding. Eligible organizations may submit applications for funding for the projects described in the NOFA.

**Notice of Funding Availability**

Tentative Release Date: December 19, 2022

Applications Due: January 27, 2023 by 4:00 P.M.

[www.fresno.gov/housing](https://www.fresno.gov/housing) under 'Notices of Funding Available' tab

The City will evaluate applications according to the criteria published with the NOFA and prepare a draft Annual Action Plan. Residents are invited to submit

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adopting the plan.

**2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period**

March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023, at 5 PM

The draft plan will be published at

[www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing) under 'Public Comment Opportunities'

The following options are available for submitting comments:

**Submit Comments by Mail:**

City of Fresno

Planning and Development Department

Attn: Housing and Community Development Division

2600 Fresno Street Room 3065

Fresno CA 93721

**Submit Comments by Fax:**

559-457-1579

**Submit Comments Online:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Y8MDJV>

**Submit Comments by Email:**

HCDD@fresno.gov

Please include "2023 Action Plan" in the subject line

**Submit Comments by Phone:**

559-621-8300

**Submit Comments by TTY:**

559-621-8721

The Council of the City of Fresno will conduct a public hearing to obtain residents' views regarding the plan and will thereafter consider the plan for adoption.

**City Council Annual Action Plan Public Hearing**

April 14, 2023 at 10:05 AM or thereafter

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Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and ASL interpretation will be available at all workshops. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need additional accommodations at public hearings, such as interpreters, sign language signers, or the services of a translator, please contact the Housing and Community Development Division by calling 559-621-8300, by emailing [HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov), or by TTY at 559-621-8721. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least three business days prior to the meeting.

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## Community Needs Questionnaire – Email

**From:** [Brandon Sisk](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire  
**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2022 9:23:00 AM

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Hi [REDACTED],

The City of Fresno is requesting input from community organizations and local/regional units of government into the City's 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD). The Annual Action Plan allocates the City's funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA).

Your input is important to help the City prepare an Annual Action Plan that effectively addresses the most important needs of Fresno's low- and moderate-income residents. The questionnaire contains eight open-ended questions requesting input into how the City should address the priorities identified in its 5-year plan from July 2023 – June 2024. Specific activity recommendations are welcome and encouraged.

**Complete the Questionnaire:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHYDYG3>

Responses appreciated by November 25, 2022.

For more information about the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, including public participation and comment opportunities, visit <https://www.fresno.gov/darm/housing-community-development/#tab-07>

Best,

Brandon Sisk, MBA

Senior Management Analyst | Housing and Community Development Division Planning and Development Department

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## Social Media Posts Promoting Workshops and Hearings – Facebook (1 of 3)



## Social Media Posts Promoting Workshops and Hearings – Facebook (2 of 3)

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**October 27, 2022 at 11 AM**

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Teague Elementary School

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Ted C. Wills Neighborhood Center

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## **2023-2024 Plan de Acción Anual Oportunidades de comentario publico**

Centro Comunitario Romain  
**11 AM, 27 de Octubre 2022**

Centro Comunitario Mosqueda  
**6 PM, 1 de Noviembre 2022**

Escuela Primaria Teague  
**6 PM, 9 de Noviembre 2022**

Centro Comunitario Ted C. Wills  
**2 PM, 16 de Noviembre 2022**



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**ਮਸਜਿਦ ਨੇਬਰਹੁੱਡ ਸੈਂਟਰ  
1 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2022 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 6 ਵਜੇ**

**ਟੀਗ ਐਲੀਮੈਂਟਰੀ ਸਕੂਲ  
9 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2022 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 6 ਵਜੇ**

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## Current Annual Action Plan Schedule

The City of Fresno prepares an Annual Action Plan each year for projects to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD). The projects identified in each year's Annual Action Plan are selected to make progress toward meeting the housing and community development goals outlined in the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan for HUD CPD programs.

To prepare the Annual Action Plan, the City conducts workshops, hearings, and consultations to invite the public, local service providers, community organizations, interested government or other agencies, and individuals to provide comments and views on the types of projects and activities to be funded. To view plans which were previously adopted, visit the 'Plans and Reports' section of this site.

Activities for the development of the current year's Annual Action Plan are below. This web page will be regularly updated with notices for public participation opportunities, application opportunities for City Departments and local organizations, and publication of draft and final plans.

### **Annual Action Plan Schedule**

The schedule of key dates is provided below. Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as delays in HUD funding allocation announcements.

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Romain Neighborhood Center
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- **Community Needs Workshop #5**

November 28, 2022 at 11 AM

Legacy Commons – 2255 S Plumas St, Fresno, 93706

Workshops will present an overview of the Annual Action Plan process, discuss funding priorities identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and allow community members to provide input into the types of eligible activities needed in the community. Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and ASL interpretation will be provided. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need additional accommodations such as interpreters, sign language signers, or the services of a translator, please contact the Housing and Community Development Division by calling [559-621-8300](tel:559-621-8300), by emailing [HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov), or by TTY at [559-621-8721](tel:559-621-8721). To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least three business days prior to the meeting.

**Public Hearings**

- **Community Needs Public Hearing**

November 17, 2022 City Council Meeting at 10:05 A.M. or thereafter Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the hearing at [fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

- **Annual Action Plan Public Hearing**

April 14, 2023 City Council Meeting at 10:00 A.M. or thereafter Participation instructions will be available 72 hours before the meeting at <https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Community members are encouraged to make formal comments at public hearings which will be addressed in the final Annual Action Plan. Spanish and Hmong interpretation will be provided. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need additional accommodations such as interpreters, sign language signers, or the services of a translator, please contact the Housing and Community Development Division by calling [559-621-8300](tel:559-621-8300), by emailing [HCDD@fresno.gov](mailto:HCDD@fresno.gov), or by TTY at [559-621-8721](tel:559-621-8721). To ensure

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**Draft Annual Action Plan & Public Comments**

The 2023-2024 Draft Annual Action Plan will be posted for public comments to the 'Public Comment Opportunities' tab of this web site from March 6, 2023 through April 6, 2023. The City encourages community members to provide input during the formal comment period and welcomes input at any time. Public comments are encouraged through the following means:

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### **Program Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire**

This questionnaire is for City of Fresno community organizations and local/regional units of government to provide input into the City's 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD). The Annual Action Plan allocates the City's funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA).

The input that your organization provides is critical to help the City understand the most pressing needs of its low- and moderate-income residents, and to identify activities which most effectively address those needs.

The questionnaire is divided into the six strategic areas outlined in the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan, which can be found at [www.fresno.gov/housing](http://www.fresno.gov/housing). You may provide input to all six strategic areas, or provide input only pertaining to the strategies most important to your organization.



### **Program Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire**

For each of the following strategic priority areas, please explain the activities most needed based on your organization's experience. Information on how those needs have changed in the past year would be particularly welcome, as well as input on how the City should specifically implement the activities.

## Community Needs Questionnaire – Web Form (2 of 4)

1. What is most needed to address the following priority?

Provide assistance for the **homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless** through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing first collaborations, and associated supportive services.

2. What is most needed to address the following priority?

Improve access to **affordable housing** for low-income and special needs households by partnering with interested developers to increase development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

3. What is most needed to address the following priority?

Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current **public infrastructure and facilities**, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.

4. What is most needed to address the following priority?

**Provide services to low-income and special needs households** that develop human capital and improve quality of life.

## Community Needs Questionnaire – Web Form (3 of 4)

5. What is most needed to address the following priority?

Provide services to residents and housing providers to **advance fair housing**.

6. What is most needed to address the following priority?

**Plan and administer funding** for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations.



### Program Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

7. From your perspective, what is the biggest challenge facing the City of Fresno today?



### Program Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

Please provide the contact information for your organization or unit of local or regional government.

## Community Needs Questionnaire – Web Form (4 of 4)

8. Name of Organization or Unit or Government

9. Name

10. Title

11. Email

12. Would you like to **sign up for email updates** from the Housing and Community Development Division? Recipients receive invites to community meetings, notices of funding availability, and invitations to comment on plans and reports.

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## Appendix B: Citizen Input and Public Comments

The City endeavored to gather feedback from community members and stakeholder organizations about activity ideas identified to assist the City in meeting the goals outlined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan in 2020. Community members were invited to vote on suggestions at virtual and in-person meetings. The goals, and activity suggestions, are outlined below to provide a high-level overview of input received.

### Public Infrastructure and Facilities

- Most Popular Suggestions
  - Utilizing small, unused land to create small, localized parks in low-income areas
  - Install and maintain railroad crossing gates and signals in the Shields and Golden State area
  - Building water stations throughout the city, including:
    - Clean drinking water
    - Showers
    - Restrooms
    - Laundry
  - Additional water parks at unused City-owned plots of land
  - Public Wi-Fi
    - Printing
    - Public phones
    - Locations at each school
    - At Ashlan and West
  - Improvements at McKinley/99, Chestnut/Shields, anywhere in West Fresno
- Additional Suggestions
  - Street improvements at Belmont in Southwest Fresno
  - LED streetlight upgrades in the 93723 ZIP code
  - Additional/Expanded community centers
  - Ashlan South – Romain Park Area (E Kearny and S Throne) there are potholes and ADA improvement opportunities
  - Street improvements at Tenaya Middle School
  - Crosswalks and improved lighting at Bullard next to Fresno State
  - ADA-compliant restrooms at Ted C. Wills

### Fair Housing/Compliance

- Most Popular Suggestions
  - Landlord/owner education on vouchers
  - More incentives to accept Section 8 vouchers
  - Landlord and tenant education
  - Education about the Annual Action Plan process via trusted messengers like pastors or CBO leaders
    - Work with Office of Community Affairs and place-based organizations
  - Report out environmental impact of development throughout Fresno
- Additional Suggestions

- Assistance with helping tenants to understand lease terms
- Improved outreach via social media (paid advertisements)
- Outreach via water bill inserts
- Eviction Protection Program continuation
- Focus on LGBTQ+ rights in housing
- Regular roundtable meeting with community leaders
- Increased online access to ongoing/current information
  - Better promotion of ongoing/current info via social media
- Landlord registry to combat slumlord issues
- Fair Housing hotline

## Public Services

- Most Popular Suggestions
  - Afterschool programs
    - For K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students
    - Activities to promote social interaction to combat mental health impacts of COVID-19
    - School supplies (provided on an ongoing basis), study/tutoring opportunities to better prepare students for school
  - Women services/health center to provide:
    - A place to pick up feminine hygiene products, referrals, advice, and support
    - Include dental services
  - “Drop-in Centers” at parks or community centers to:
    - Allow people to pick up toiletries, groceries, clothing, etc.
    - A place to shower
    - Public laundry facilities
    - Medical services/getting help with paying for medicine (through stipends or vouchers)
  - Programs for Seniors (non-specific)
  - Services for older youth (18-24)
    - Mentorship opportunities
    - Internships
    - Opportunities to feel community
  - Continued micro-enterprise assistance
  - Make childcare available
  - Provide transportation to/from appointments
- Additional Suggestions
  - One-stop like Fresno Rescue Mission’s “City Center” to include job training, education, and childcare
  - Afterschool programs that include mental health services or referrals to services
  - Job training and educational services for migrants
  - Supportive services for recently housed people
  - Public gardens around homeless shelters

## Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention

- Most Popular Suggestions
  - Landlord and engagement to prevent evictions
  - Rental and utility assistance based on income, housing stabilization (e.g., building credit scores, providing security at buildings)
    - Including program to offset apartment application fees
  - Mobile medical clinic in partnership with neighborhood-specific organization to determine locations and resource hubs
  - Mobile MAP Point pilot project to reduce transportation barriers
  - More street outreach
    - Including social workers and psychologists (non-sworn officers)
  - Long-term shelter options for families
  - Expanding hours/temperature requirements at warming centers
  - Don't convert City-owned shelters
  - More overnight shelters for families
  - Skilled nursing facilities for those who can't afford them
- Additional Suggestions
  - Safe locations to camp or park vehicle overnight
    - Include wrap-around services in these locations
  - More case managers at all shelter locations
  - Better/more utilization of City resources and collaboration with other agencies
    - Like coordinating with DMV to provide IDs remotely or via mobile station
  - Facility where people can exchange needles, NARCAN is available, and all hygiene products are available
  - Streamlining process to get people into permanent shelter

<b>Affordable Housing</b>
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- Most Popular Suggestions
  - Homebuyer assistance
  - Purchasing buildings (with a preference for abandoned buildings and homes) for emergency shelters with additional wrap-around services (e.g. vocational training, addiction services)
  - Further funding programs which allow people to build their own homes
  - Developing multi-family housing
  - Encouraging mixed-income neighborhoods
  - Tiny home villages in coordination with local religious institutions that own undeveloped land
    - Ideally small projects (1-4) homes
    - CDCs as managers of the villages
    - Allow development of mobile tiny homes
    - Received feedback from Habitat for Humanity and Poverello that tiny homes are expensive and time consuming to develop
  - Housing targeting those with mental health needs
  - Rent control
  - Reducing bureaucratic processes to fast-track affordable housing
  - In Chinatown, develop the single-room, second floor apartments above businesses

- Mitigation fund
  - Pays a percentage of large repairs necessitated by high-risk renters
- Change covenant from 30 years to 50 years
- Partner with Central Valley Land Trust for development areas
- Improved technical assistance for developers looking to complete proposals
  - Provide feedback on proposals so they can be made better in the future
- Provide an opportunity for developers to pitch projects to evaluate whether changes to zoning or permitting are necessary
- Extending impact fee reduction waiver (expires in June)
- Additional Suggestions
  - Housing for veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities
  - Rehabilitation of multi-family units
  - Owner-occupied rehabilitation
  - Conference between City and lenders to discuss current programs operated by local banks
  - Consider the Community Land Trust Model for long-term affordability
  - Leverage funds for affordable housing development

On December 1, 2022, the City conducted a Public Hearing to gather additional input from residents. In total, four comments were received. All comments are summaries of comments had; however, full comments may be viewed at [http://fresno.granicus.com/player/clip/1302?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=7226dcea19831ed84180546cba6ee851](http://fresno.granicus.com/player/clip/1302?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=7226dcea19831ed84180546cba6ee851) beginning at the 2:22:00 mark.

**Cynthia Piombino:** Would like to see a county health mobile to go out to people who are experiencing homelessness to screen for basic health issues. Would like cleaning stations and portable toilets in each Council district. Would like Wi-Fi in shelters. Need more case workers and managers at shelters. Wants safe camps and tiny home villages. Would like to see covered shelters at bus stops near North Fruit near Glen Agnes Elderly Housing. Need ADA accessible bathrooms at Ted C. Wills at the warming center. Need lighting on the east side of Parkway between Belmont and Olive. Need crosswalks on Olive between Hughes and Highway 99 and on Belmont in that area.

**Robert McCloskey:** Would like to see recommendations from workshops put into place. Wants to see a governmental agency build housing in a 'social housing' model. States Vienna, Austria has a successful 'social housing' model.

**Brandi Nunes-Villegas:** Would like the City to continue efforts put forward during public workshops to increase accessibility. Also wants more housing with a focus on people who are transitioning from shelters to move them into housing. Wants to see climate-related items throughout town like water stations. Also wants to see a lived-experience board to get more direct feedback from the unhoused. Wants the City to start a safe lot program that would include assistance with vehicle registration to prevent removal of vehicles from people who are using them for shelter. Would like to see a wrap-around jobs program that partners with businesses to train people who are unhoused. Would like to see Wi-Fi and computers in shelters. Also wants to see tiny home villages.

**Dez Martinez:** States the City needs safety provisions around shelters (like crosswalks, bike lanes, patrol officers, and lighting) to prevent accidents. Additional housing is needed like tiny homes.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CITY RESPONSES

Comments received during the March 6, 2023 – April 6, 2023, public comment opportunity are provided below along with the associated City responses. All comments will be incorporated in the final submission of the plans to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All text in *italics* are direct quotes of comments; text in regular font are synopses of comments due to length. All comments received via email and survey are posted below in full.

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### **Erika Enomoto, Fresno Metro Ministry:**

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#### **[City Response:**

- Increasing food security in Fresno is an important and necessary goal. Food insecurity among children in Fresno County was at 23% as of 2020<sup>1</sup>. In past years, the City has funded community gardens in low-income neighborhoods, but unfortunately did not receive similar funding requests this year. The City will continue to seek opportunities to reduce food insecurity.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

### **Diego Hinojosa, resident of Council District 1:**

*The action plan needs to address the housing shortage as well as affordable housing, and housing services. The housing shortage will not stop with a select few builders building expensive homes on the edges of towns, and only producing a couple hundred per year. Town homes, row homes, apartments, multi family 2-4 unit, infill, and mixed use should be a priority to build. It will help cut the bleeding of the shortage, and the demand, thus helping the market affordability issue. The services the city provides needs to be expanded, for those who are unable to a) afford market rent b) whos rent surpasses 50% of monthly income.*

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<sup>1</sup> Child (<18 years) Hunger & Poverty in Fresno County, California | Map the Meal Gap. (n.d).  
<https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2020/child/california/county/fresno>

*housing. 120 days is not enough to sober up, clean up, maintain a job and find housing and sustain it.*

**[City Response:**

- The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan has \$2,683,562 programmed to build 22 new housing units. An additional \$536,713 was allocated to Community Housing Development Organizations to build two new housing units. Another \$1.3 million in CDBG funds was programmed for land acquisition in support of affordable housing development. The type of housing that gets built depends on the proposals the City receives from affordable housing developers.

In May 2023, the City plans to release a Notice of Funding Availability inviting developers to apply for funding of proposed affordable housing development projects. The proposals go through an underwriting process to determine financial feasibility and are also evaluated based on timeliness and community need.

You can sign up to receive email updates from the Housing and Community Development Division by going to <https://www.fresno.gov/darm/housing-and-community-development-division-email-updates/>. Updates will include information about Requests for Proposals, Notices of Funding Availability, Substantial Amendments to Annual Action Plans, the Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Plan.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan includes funding for homelessness and homelessness prevention. Additionally, the City uses other resources for initiatives that help prevent homelessness. For example, the City used ARPA funds for a voucher incentive program with the intent to increase the number of affordable rental units available for voucher holders.

- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Bebe, resident of Council District 5:**

*Please include the old Community Hospital site at the Northwest corner intersection of Cedar Av & Kings Canyon/Ventura. The abandoned building is not only an eyesore, but a safety hazard. It is on your major FAX bus route, so it is perfect for low income housing.*

**[City Response:**

- The sites selected for affordable housing development are carefully evaluated for financial feasibility, timeliness of construction, and community need. City staff will evaluate the noted location for eligibility and feasibility.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Bear W., resident of Council District 3:**

*No person should be homeless. It is a threat to the health of the homeless person to be chronically unhoused & it is a health threat to the local community when a person(s) doesn't have access to basic needs of housing, sanitation, and healthcare services. We need a robust social housing policy. A set portion of land must stay within a public trust that CLT & other community ownership models use to maintain publicly owned affordable rental assets. We need to support a full socialist agenda to create jobs within our own cities and state connections. This*



*agenda should include a first right to foreclosed homes for first time homeowners & longterm residents.*

**[City Response:**

- In addition to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, the City created the One Fresno Housing Strategy outlining key objectives to housing every person in Fresno. The Housing Strategy includes goals for creating more transitional housing units by streamlining the permitting process for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), to establishing a shelter housing reserve fund, and using diversion strategies for people who are experiencing a housing crisis. The Housing Strategy also outlines the City's desire to increase the number of permanent supportive housing units through additional building and renovation.

The City has also created partnerships with UCSF, Fresno and Gracebound, Inc. to provide a mobile medical clinic and a mobile shower unit in the last year.

- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Kaylie Tejeda, the Wildflower Collective:**

*Would love to see additional creative affordable living options such as co-housing models (see <https://www.cohousing.org/>), peer support respite housing models (see <https://power2u.org/directory-of-peer-respites/>), podshare options like in SF and LA (<https://www.podshare.com/>) and models to address Homelessness and wrap around services such as City of Refuge <https://cityofrefugeatl.org/> and Mobile Loaves — <https://mlf.org/>*

*Ideas created based on needs expressed by unsheltered friends. Outreach and Access to Showers, Laundry Services etc. <https://www.serviceandlovetogether.org/projects>*

*Community Services --*

*In considering Youth Recreation Centers please consider the YMCA model and programs (<https://www.ymcasv.org/>) available including access to public pools and indoor/outdoor activities open and available to serve both youth and young adults like indoor rock climbing.*

*Please also consider funding harm reduction initiatives in collaboration with Fresno Ministry Food Security Network, Fresno public health and behavioral health department to provide permanent access to Farm Fresh Food via vending machine in areas with limited access to farmer's markets (<https://www.farmersfridge.com/>) and harm reduction vending machines and/or mobile unit in the downtown and tower districts as access to safer sex resources to combat current youth rates STIs & STDs and as HIV prevention, overdose prevention (narcant) and support after hours to support popular Thursday nightlife participants*

**[City Response:**

- These examples of co-housing options could be considered when the Affordable Housing Notice of Funding Availability becomes available in May 2023. Many of the community services examples provided would have potentially been eligible for funding if the City had received such applications during the Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability application period.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Ryan Christensen, resident of Council District 2:**

*Previous development in Northwest Fresno has fragmented or disjointed Biking routes or ADA Accessible walking paths. Future development of housing projects (such as affordable housing) on Publicly Owned Land should preferably include Biking paths and ADA Accessible walking paths to connect streets on opposite sides of land labeled as "Vacant City-Owned Parcels".*

**[City Response:**

- This input has been sent to our Affordable Housing Development project manager to be included in consideration of future Affordable Housing Requests for Proposals.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Patricia O., resident of Fresno:**

*Need affordable housing for the homeless and the low income. Need better infrastructure*

**[City Response:**

- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

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The following responses were received after the 5 PM April 6, 2023, public comment period deadline:

**Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability:**

*Dear Housing and Community Development staff:*

*Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP). We work alongside community leaders throughout the City of Fresno on various issues including housing issues, housing affordability and solutions. The comments below are based on our work in partnership with resident leaders in Fresno who are actively advocating for community based solutions to our housing crisis.*

**Project Summary Must Implement Community Feedback into Final Annual Action Plan**

*The goals, programs, and projects described in the 2023-2024 AAP are especially important as the City of Fresno continues to see one of the fastest rental increases in the nation , a 15.8% increase in homelessness the past year, and the closure of Fresno's only youth shelter . Which makes it especially important to take the comments and recommendations of the most impacted communities, groups, and residents who are feeling the effects of our housing crisis.*

*Per 24 CFR Part 91 Sec. 91.105, jurisdictions are required to adopt a citizen participation plan. The Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) provides guidelines by which the City will promote engagement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the distribution of federal funds, as outlined in the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and CAPERs. While the city held workshops to solicit input per the CPP through the Community Needs Workshops, Public Hearings, Stakeholder Feedback, and a Community Needs Survey, the City of Fresno failed to incorporate community input as described below.*

*The City of Fresno must incorporate additional programs and activities into the final AAP in order to follow the CPP guidelines and meet the Affirmatively Further Fair Housing rule (24 CFR § 5.158). For the purposes of the rule, community participation as required in 24 CFR § 5.158,*

***“means a solicitation of views and recommendations from members of the community and other interested parties, a consideration of the views and recommendations received, and a process for incorporating such views and recommendations into decisions and outcomes.”*** The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a public agency’s activities and programs relating to housing and community development which includes the AAP. By not incorporating comments and recommendations made by community residents, then the City has failed to take proactive and meaningful steps to implement and incorporate community feedback into the decisions and programs in the AAP/

#### **Additional Community Recommendations Should be Included in Final AAP**

Appendix B (pg. 105) of the Draft AAP contains community input received from public outreach efforts on activity suggestions for goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Below are community identified recommendations that were mentioned throughout workshops and also included in Appendix B, but were not included in the Project List:

- *Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Improvements should include barriers erected along the train tracks on Floradora Avenue. Especially critical are those near school campuses like Yosemite Middle School.*
- *Utilizing small, unused plots land to create small, localized parks in low-income areas*
- *Reporting environmental impact of industrial development throughout Fresno*
- *Continued rental and utility assistance which includes assistance for application and deposit fees*
- *Expansion of hours for cooling and warming centers and changing temperature requirements*
- *Homebuyer assistance for low-income residents*
- *Tiny Home Villages for additional housing availability to our houseless population*

The City of Fresno must follow its CPP and AFFH requirements and incorporate resident suggestions into the final AAP. Again as stated in the City’s CPP to “encourage public participation by residents, community stakeholders, and grant beneficiaries in the process of drafting, implementing, and evaluating the Consolidated Plan and related documents” and “incorporate recommendations into decisions and outcomes,” as stated by the AFFH rule. The City of Fresno has the opportunity to gain public trust and guide our City forward by implementing the projects raised by the community and will benefit those most impacted by our housing crisis.

#### **Community Outreach for Annual Action Plan Adopted Programs and Projects**

***Finally, we recommend that an outreach protocol be adopted as part of the Annual Action Plan.*** As important as it is to take residents' comments and recommendations, it is equally as important to adopt effective and meaningful outreach protocols for the implementation of programs so families and individuals are aware of their existence and may utilize them. Diligent effort should be made to ensure those who need access to these programs most, can benefit from them. There should be a way to access these programs for those who lack a digital and online presence. For instance, it should be easy to call, obtain a paper form, and safely come in person to access the needed information.

We want to highlight the Promote Fair Housing, Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the Senior Paint Program projects. Residents have continually asked about programs such as these and have found it hard to find the appropriate information and application for these resources.

*Residents and community groups alike have found it difficult to access information and resources established to support households. Further, these programs should be available regardless of legal status. To promote these programs, we recommend posting informational flyers at high trafficked areas and existing spaces where people congregate such as community facebook pages, laundromats, bus stops and buses, community centers, schools, social services offices, and so forth. Working with local community based organizations, schools, religious institutions, and other informal groups who have an existing presence and relationships with these populations is also another way in which more residents can be reached.*

*Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If any questions arise, do not hesitate to contact me at [kmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org](mailto:kmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org).*

*Sincerely,  
Karla Martinez  
Policy Advocate  
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*

**[City Response:**

- The City is committed to expanding its outreach to the community. To this end, the City conducted nine workshops to garner input from residents. At each workshop, Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and American Sign Language interpreters were available, and all documents were translated into those languages to reduce the barrier to participation among our non-English speaking and deaf or hard of hearing community members. From those robust conversations came a variety of needs and ideas expressed to help people who are experiencing homelessness or who have a low income. Those ideas were included in the City's Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability, and they were given priority for funding by staff in the evaluation stage. Unfortunately, the City did not receive applications that sought to execute many of the ideas identified at the workshops; however, the City will continue to pursue those activities through additional partnership development.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Brandi Nuse-Villegas, resident:**

*There are many good programs being presented.*

*I hope that items that were presented by community members, but may have not been a service among the NOFA applicants could continue to be pursued. As well, there are infrastructure needs I have heard at that time and outside these meetings that I ask the city to address. There were a robust array of needs voices during the workshops that need to be addressed, including having water stations throughout the city and addressing basic needs like bathrooms, as well as water access.*

*Beyond this, a key element that needs to be addressed is more comprehensive, independent, robust monitoring, assessment, and evaluation of all programs and providers. This includes hearing from those being served by these programs. We have heard those served by the unhoused community and community members at large concerns regarding programs funded through the city. If we want these efforts to be successful, we need to ensure that needs are truly being met.*

**[City Response:**

- Eligible ideas that were presented at the community meetings were included as examples of services the City was seeking proposals for through the Notice of Funding Availability. Although the City did not receive applications for all of the activity ideas identified through our community engagement process, it will continue to pursue additional partnerships to ensure more organizations apply for funding in the future.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

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The following responses were received at the Public Hearing conducted at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2023 which can be found at [https://fresno.granicus.com/player/clip/1420?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=7db59dc3026564cc927b570f28056761](https://fresno.granicus.com/player/clip/1420?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=7db59dc3026564cc927b570f28056761):

**Brandi Nuse-Villegas, resident:**

Happy to see Central Valley Justice Coalition was funded. Would have liked to have seen the Marjaree Mason Center funded for its Emergency Shelter program because of the importance of housing mothers and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

She would also like to see more opportunities for public comment and oversight regarding the type and location of affordable housing units that are developed.

**[City Response:**

- Due to limited Emergency Shelter Grant Program resources, the number of organizations the City is able to fund through this program is limited. However, Marjaree Mason Center is included as a recipient of CDBG funds for its critical services for survivors of domestic violence.
- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

**Emily Brandt, member of H.E.A.T.:**

Expressed concern that the Annual Action Plan was not adequately noticed via mail for people who do not have access to email or social media. Stated that 79% of the people who live in Southwest Fresno live below the federal poverty level, and that there is a mismatch between the wages people are being paid and the affordability of homes.

**[City Response:**

- The City explored sending flyers via mail to residents throughout Fresno; however, it was determined that the cost to do so made it infeasible given the limited resources available.

However, the City did send a flyer to H.E.A.T. with information about the initial eight community workshop events, and the City met with Ms. Brandt and other members of H.E.A.T. on November 29, 2022, to discuss the Annual Action Plan prior to it being drafted. Once the Annual Action Plan was drafted, the City sent a copy to H.E.A.T. via mail.

The City is making great efforts in its pursuit of affordable housing for people who are at or below the median area income. It will continue that pursuit through this year's funding.

- The public comment has been considered and accepted.]

## Exhibit 1: Survey Response – Erika Enomoto (1 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

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**Q1**

Public Infrastructure and Facilities,  
Community Services

Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.

**Q2**

Please enter your input or comment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

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**Q3**

Name

Erika Enomoto

**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Council District

**Q5**

Organization

Fresno Metro Ministry

**Q6**

Title

Food Policy Council Project Coordinator

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## Exhibit 1: Survey Response – Erika Enomoto (2 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q7

Email Address

erika@fresnometmin.org

Q8

Yes

Sign up for email updates from the City of Fresno's  
Housing and Community Development Division

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## Exhibit 2: Survey Response – Diego Hinojosa (1 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

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Homeless and Homelessness Prevention,  
Affordable Housing,  
Public Infrastructure and Facilities,  
Community Services

Q2

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Name

Diego Hinojosa

Q4

Council District

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## Exhibit 2: Survey Response – Diego Hinojosa (2 of 2)

### 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q5

Organization

N/A

Q6

Title

Real Estate Professional

Q7

Email Address

diegofuegohinojosa@gmail.com

Q8

Yes

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### Exhibit 3: Survey Response – Bebe (1 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

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Q1

Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention,  
Affordable Housing,  
Public Infrastructure and Facilities,  
Community Services,  
Programmatic Compliance

Q2

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Q3

Name

Bebe

Q4

Council District

5

Q5

Organization

concerned citizen

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### Exhibit 3: Survey Response – Bebe (2 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q6

Title

them

Q7

Email Address

Respondent skipped this question

Q8

No

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## Exhibit 4: Survey Response – Bear W. (1 of 2)

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Q1

Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention,

Affordable Housing,

Public Infrastructure and Facilities,

Community Services,

Fair Housing

Q2

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Q3

Name

Bear W.

Q4

Council District

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Organization

<https://htwws.org/>

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### Exhibit 4: Survey Response – Bear W. (2 of 2)

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Title

Q7

Email Address

howthewestws@gmail.com

Q8

Yes

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## Exhibit 5: Survey Response – Kaylie Tejada (1 of 2)

### 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

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Q1

Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention,  
Affordable Housing,  
Public Infrastructure and Facilities,  
Community Services

Q2

Please enter your input or comment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

Would love to see additional creative affordable living options such as co-housing models (see <https://www.cohousing.org/>), peer support respite housing models (see <https://power2u.org/directory-of-peer-respites/>), podshare options like in SF and LA (<https://www.podshare.com/>) and models to address Homelessness and wrap around services such as City of Refuge <https://cityofrefugeatl.org/> and Mobile Loaves — <https://mlf.org/>

Ideas created based on needs expressed by unsheltered friends. Outreach and Access to Showers, Laundry Services etc. <https://www.serviceandlovetogether.org/projects>

Community Services –

In considering Youth Recreation Centers please consider the YMCA model and programs (<https://www.ymcasv.org/>) available including access to public pools and indoor/outdoor activities open and available to serve both youth and young adults like indoor rock climbing.

Please also consider funding harm reduction initiatives in collaboration with Fresno Ministry Food Security Network, Fresno public health and behavioral health department to provide permanent access to Farm Fresh Food via vending machine in areas with limited access to farmer's markets (<https://www.farmersfridge.com/>) and harm reduction vending machines and/or mobile unit in the downtown and tower districts as access to safer sex resources to combat current youth rates STIs & STDs and as HIV prevention, overdose prevention (narcans) and support after hours to support popular Thursday nightlife participants

Q3

Name

Kaylie Tejada

## Exhibit 5: Survey Response – Kaylie Tejeda (2 of 2)

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Q4	
Council District	
3	
Q5	
Organization	
The Wildflower Collective	
Q6	Respondent skipped this question
Title	
Q7	
Email Address	
thewildflowercollectivefresno@gmail.com	
Q8	Yes
Sign up for email updates from the City of Fresno's Housing and Community Development Division	

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## Exhibit 6: Survey Response – Ryan Christensen (1 of 2)

### 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

#6

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Q1

Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.

**Affordable Housing,**

**Public Infrastructure and Facilities,**

**Fair Housing,**

Other (please specify):

ADA Accessible Transportation

Q2

Please enter your input or comment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

Previous development in Northwest Fresno has fragmented or disjointed Biking routes or ADA Accessible walking paths. Future development of housing projects (such as affordable housing) on Publicly Owned Land should preferably include Biking paths and ADA Accessible walking paths to connect streets on opposite sides of land labeled as "Vacant City-Owned Parcels".

Q3

Name

Ryan Christensen

Q4

Council District

District 2

Q5

Organization

Private Citizen

## Exhibit 6: Survey Response – Ryan Christensen (2 of 2)

### 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q6

Title

Resident

Q7

Email Address

rhc711@protonmail.com

Q8

Yes

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## Exhibit 7: Survey Response – Patricia O. (1 of 2)

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#7

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**Q1**  
Which priority areas are you commenting on? Select all that apply.  

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention,  
Public Infrastructure and Facilities,  
Community Services,  
Fair Housing,  
Programmatic Compliance

**Q2**  
Please enter your input or comment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan  
Need affordable housing for the homeless and the low income. Need better infrastructure

**Q3**  
Name  
Patricia o

**Q4**  
Council District  
Na

**Q5**  
Organization  
None

**Q6**  
Title  
None

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## Exhibit 7: Survey Response – Patricia O. (2 of 2)

### 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Input

Q7

Email Address

pattyfoxy@yahoo.com

Q8

No

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**Exhibit 8: Email Response – Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (1 of 3)**



April 6, 2023

Planning and Development Department  
Attn: Housing and Community Development Division  
2600 Fresno Street Room 2065  
Fresno CA 93721

*sent via email*

RE: Comments to the 2023-2024 HUD Annual Action Plan

Dear Housing and Community Development staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP). We work alongside community leaders throughout the City of Fresno on various issues including housing issues, housing affordability and solutions. The comments below are based on our work in partnership with resident leaders in Fresno who are actively advocating for community based solutions to our housing crisis.

*Project Summary Must Implement Community Feedback into Final Annual Action Plan*

The goals, programs, and projects described in the 2023-2024 AAP are especially important as the City of Fresno continues to see one of the [fastest rental increases in the nation](#), a [15.8% increase in homelessness](#) the past year, and [the closure of Fresno's only youth shelter](#). Which makes it especially important to take the comments and recommendations of the most impacted communities, groups, and residents who are feeling the effects of our housing crisis.

Per 24 CFR Part 91 Sec. 91.105, jurisdictions are required to adopt a citizen participation plan. The [Citizens Participation Plan \(CPP\)](#) provides guidelines by which the City will promote engagement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the distribution of federal funds, as outlined in the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and CAPERs. While the city held workshops to solicit input per the CPP through the Community Needs Workshops, Public Hearings, Stakeholder Feedback, and a Community Needs Survey, the City of Fresno failed to incorporate community input as described below.

## Exhibit 8: Email Response – Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (2 of 3)



The City of Fresno must incorporate additional programs and activities into the final AAP in order to follow the CPP guidelines and meet the Affirmatively Further Fair Housing rule (24 CFR § 5.158). For the purposes of the rule, community participation as required in 24 CFR § 5.158, **“means a solicitation of views and recommendations from members of the community and other interested parties, a consideration of the views and recommendations received, and a process for incorporating such views and recommendations into decisions and outcomes.”** The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a public agency’s activities and programs relating to housing and community development which includes the AAP. By not incorporating comments and recommendations made by community residents, then the City has failed to take proactive and meaningful steps to implement and incorporate community feedback into the decisions and programs in the AAP/

### Additional Community Recommendations Should be Included in Final AAP

Appendix B (pg.105) of the Draft AAP contains community input received from public outreach efforts on activity suggestions for goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Below are community identified recommendations that were mentioned throughout workshops and also included in Appendix B, but were not included in the Project List:

- Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Improvements should include barriers erected along the train tracks on Floradora Avenue. Especially critical are those near school campuses like Yosemite Middle School.
- Utilizing small, unused plots land to create small, localized parks in low-income areas
- Reporting environmental impact of industrial development throughout Fresno
- Continued rental and utility assistance which includes assistance for application and deposit fees
- Expansion of hours for cooling and warming centers and changing temperature requirements
- Homebuyer assistance for low-income residents
- Tiny Home Villages for additional housing availability to our houseless population

The City of Fresno must follow its CPP and AFFH requirements and incorporate resident suggestions into the final AAP. Again as stated in the City’s CPP to “encourage public participation by residents, community stakeholders, and grant beneficiaries in the process of drafting, implementing, and evaluating the Consolidated Plan and related documents” and “incorporate recommendations into decisions and outcomes,” as stated by the AFFH rule. The City of Fresno has the opportunity to gain public trust and guide our City forward by implementing the projects raised by the community and will benefit those most impacted by our housing crisis.

### Community Outreach for Annual Action Plan Adopted Programs and Projects

**Exhibit 8: Email Response – Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (3 of 3)**



**Finally, we recommend that an outreach protocol be adopted as part of the Annual Action Plan.** As important as it is to take residents' comments and recommendations, it is equally as important to adopt effective and meaningful outreach protocols for the implementation of programs so families and individuals are aware of their existence and may utilize them. Diligent effort should be made to ensure those who need access to these programs most, can benefit from them. There should be a way to access these programs for those who lack a digital and online presence. For instance, it should be easy to call, obtain a paper form, and safely come in person to access the needed information.

We want to highlight the Promote Fair Housing, Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the Senior Paint Program projects. Residents have continually asked about programs such as these and have found it hard to find the appropriate information and application for these resources. Residents and community groups alike have found it difficult to access information and resources established to support households. Further, these programs should be available regardless of legal status. To promote these programs, we recommend posting informational flyers at high trafficked areas and existing spaces where people congregate such as community facebook pages, laundromats, bus stops and buses, community centers, schools, social services offices, and so forth. Working with local community based organizations, schools, religious institutions, and other informal groups who have an existing presence and relationships with these populations is also another way in which more residents can be reached.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If any questions arise, do not hesitate to contact me at [kmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org](mailto:kmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org).

Sincerely,  
Karla Martinez  
*Policy Advocate*  
Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

## Exhibit 9: Email Response – Brandi Nuse-Villegas:

**Brandon Sisk**

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**From:** Brandi Nuse Villegas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:45 PM  
**To:** HCDD  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Annual Action Plan

**External Email:** Use caution with links and attachments

There are many good programs being presented.

I hope that items that were presented by community members, but may have not been a service among the NOFA applicants could continue to be pursued. As well, there are infrastructure needs I have heard at that time and outside these meetings that I ask the city to address. There were a robust array of needs voices during the workshops that need to be addressed, including having water stations throughout the city and addressing basic needs like bathrooms, as well as water access.

Beyond this, a key element that needs to be addressed is more comprehensive, independent, robust monitoring, assessment, and evaluation of all programs and providers. This includes hearing from those being served by these programs. We have heard those served by the unhoused community and community members at large concerns regarding programs funded through the city. If we want these efforts to be successful, we need to ensure that needs are truly being met.



## Appendix C: List of Abbreviations

ADA.....	Americans with Disabilities Act
ARPA .....	American Rescue Plan Act
ASL .....	American Sign Language
CAPER.....	Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report
CDBG.....	Community Development Block Grant
CDBG-CV .....	Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus
CHDO .....	Community Housing Development Organization
EMSA .....	Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area
ESG .....	Emergency Solutions Grant
ESG-CV .....	Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus
FH .....	Fresno Housing Authority
FMCoC .....	Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care
HCD .....	California Housing and Community Development
HCDD .....	Housing and Community Development Division
HHAP .....	Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention
HMIS .....	Homeless Management Information System
HOME .....	HOME Investment Partnerships Program
HOME-ARP .....	HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan Act
HOP .....	Public Housing Homeownership Opportunities Program
HOPWA .....	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV Grant
HUD .....	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
LEAP.....	Local Early Action Planning
LIHTC .....	Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
LMI .....	Low- and Moderate-Income
MAP .....	Multi-Agency Access Program
NOFA .....	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA .....	Public Housing Agency
PITC .....	Point-in-Time Count
PLHA .....	Permanent Local Housing Allocation
RAD .....	Rental Assistance Demonstration
RECAP .....	Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty
STRMU .....	Short-Term Rental and Mortgage Assistance
TBRA .....	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
TCC .....	Transformative Climate Communities
TOD .....	Transit Oriented Development

## Appendix D: ESG Policies and Procedures



# City of Fresno and County of Fresno

## *Emergency Solutions Grant Policies and Procedures*

### **Program Description**

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

The City and County of Fresno, separately, are recipients of an annual allocation of ESG funding. Both will work together to prepare a joint notice of funding availability/request for proposals for awarding ESG funds to eligible sub-recipients ("agencies").

All funded agencies are required to follow federal guidelines in the implementation of the ESG. The City of Fresno and the County of Fresno have written the following policies and procedures to facilitate the agencies in implementing the ESG guidelines as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Agencies will provide assistance related to housing of persons at risk of becoming homeless and housing persons that are currently homeless, as well as provide housing relocation and stabilization services.

### **Target Population**

The funds under this program are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: 1) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it, and 2) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit.

# Emergency Solutions Grant Policies and Procedures

Each sub-grantee will first be directed to read and follow ESG guidelines as set forth issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as may be amended from time to time. The procedures contained herein serve to simplify the implementation of the regulations and identify the activities selected for funding by the City and the County of Fresno.

Sub-grantees will serve the population and provide the financial assistance and stabilization services as identified in the budget and scope of work as found in each of their contracts. Preliminary steps to be taken in implementing their ESG activities are as follows:

1. Execute all HMIS required documents, as requested by the Housing Authority of the City and County of Fresno (Housing Authority), as applicable.
2. Ensure all insurance documents, as required by the ESG contract with the City and County, have been submitted and approved by the City/County.
3. Provide the City and/or County with an outreach plan for identifying potential clients and/or marketing your agency's program.

## **Eligible Activities**

*Funding will only be provided as tenant based rental assistance for the following eligible activities:*

### **1. Rapid Re-Housing – Rental Assistance**

Eligible rental assistance includes:

- a. short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
- b. medium-term rental assistance (up to 24 months)
- c. one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, to include late fees

Eligible costs includes: rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits, utility payments (with a limit of 6 months in utility payment arrears), moving costs (including storage costs up to 3 months)

### **2. Rapid Re-Housing – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**

Eligible services include: housing search and placement, housing stability case management mediation, legal services, and credit repair. Eligible services under case management include: including centralized coordinated assessments, initial

evaluation, counseling, and coordinating services (for a complete list of eligible case management activities please reference 24 CFR 576.105(b)(2)).

### **3. Homelessness Prevention - Rental Assistance**

Eligible rental assistance includes:

- a. short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
- b. medium-term rental assistance (up to 24 months)
- c. one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, to include late fees

Eligible costs includes: rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits, utility payments (with a limit of 6 months in utility payment arrears), moving costs (including storage costs up to 3 months)

### **4. Homelessness Prevention - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**

Eligible services include: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and credit repair. Eligible services under case management include: including centralized coordinated assessments, initial evaluation, counseling, and coordinating services (for a complete list of eligible case management activities please reference 24 CFR 576.105(b)(2)).

### **5. Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach Component**

Eligible emergency shelter costs include: costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals, and operating emergency shelters as identified in 24 CFR 576.102. Shelter services shall be restricted to the following populations: 1) domestic violence victims (provided by a domestic violence victim service provider), 2) homeless youth, and 3) families with children.

Eligible street outreach costs include: costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, on facility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility, as further identified in 24 CFR 576.101. For the purposes of this section, the term "unsheltered homeless people" means individuals and families who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1)(i) of the "homeless" definition under 24 CFR 576.2.

### **6. HMIS - All agencies receiving ESG assistance will be required to participate in the local HMIS.**

## **Client Eligibility Verification**

There is a three-step process for determining a client's eligibility, as noted below. Additionally, all sub-grantees must evaluate and certify the eligibility of ESG program participants (per the three steps below) at least once every three months for all households receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and once annually for households receiving rapid re-housing assistance.

### **A. FIRST STEP: Initial Consultation**

Subrecipient's must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under 24 CFR 576.400(d) and the written standards established under 24 CFR 576.400(e).

Documentation to verify the requirements of this section have been met include completing a client in-take form. Sub-recipients may use their own form, if pre-approved by the City/County. All sub-grantees must keep verification of this requirement in each client file.

### **B. SECOND STEP: Verification of Income below 30% of the Area Median Income (see verification of income section below)**

### **C. THIRD STEP: Verification of Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness**

To receive assistance under **RAPID RE-HOUSING, or EMERGENCY SHELTER/STREET OUTREACH**, client(s) must be Homeless at the time assistance is requested. HUD has defined Homeless to mean:

#### **To be considered Homeless, per HUD definition, an individual or family must be:**

- (1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
  - (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters,

transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or

- (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

(2) Any individual or family who:

- (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
- (ii) Has no other residence; and
- (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing; and
- (iv) lives in an emergency shelter or other place described in paragraph (1) above.

**ADDITIONALLY: The individual or family must have insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability.**

- The sub-grantee must confirm that the individual or family does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the homeless definition [in 24 CFR § 576.2].”

Note, HUD has provided additional guidance for determining eligibility of client(s) under the “homeless” definition, and this can be found at:

<http://hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewResource&ResourceID=4636>.

Subgrantees are also required to abide by the guidelines found at this web page.

**To receive assistance under HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, client(s) must be at risk of becoming homeless and rental assistance is only necessary to prevent**

**the individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation as identified in the ESG regulations.**

**The individual or family must have insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability.**

- The sub-grantee must confirm that the individual or family does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the homeless definition [in § 24 CFR 576.2].”

**ADDITIONALLY: The individual or family must meet one of the following definitions of “homeless”:**

- (1) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence provided that:
  - (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
  - (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
  - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing;
- (2) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
  - (i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e–2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 786(b)) or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
  - (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;

- (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
  - (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or
- (3) Any individual or family who:
- (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
  - (ii) Has no other residence; and
  - (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

**ADDITIONALLY: The individual or family must also meet one of the following conditions:**

- (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
- (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
- (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;



- (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
- (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
- (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

Note, HUD has provided additional guidance and criteria for each of the categories above, to be used for determining a client's eligibility as "at risk of becoming homeless", and this can be found at:

[http://www.hudhre.info/documents/AtRiskofHomelessnessDefinition\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.hudhre.info/documents/AtRiskofHomelessnessDefinition_Criteria.pdf).

Subgrantees are also required to abide by the guidelines found at this web page.

### **Documenting Client Eligibility**

All sub-grantees must keep verification of client's eligibility in each client file at minimum as described below.

- A. Sub-grantees are required to ensure that the client does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, immediately available, as follows:

*For Rapid Re-Housing and Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach clients:*  
as needed to obtain other permanent housing

*For Homelessness Prevention clients:* immediately available to attain housing stability and meets one or more of the conditions under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in 24 CFR § 576.2;

- B. All subgrantees will ensure that all documentation is obtained and placed in the file in accordance with 24 CFR § 576.500 "Recordkeeping and reporting requirements", as required in the regulation for Rapid Re-Housing and/or Homelessness Prevention clients.
- C. The most reliable evidence that should be used in addressing the documentation required in A and B above includes, in order of priority:
  - 1. Source documents including check stubs, verification of employment, general relief documentation from the County of

Fresno, award letters from Social Security Administration, retirement income verification from source, leases, contracts, etc.

2. If source documents are unavailable: a written statement by the relevant third party, or a written statement by intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the required information and written verification by intake staff as to why source documentation could not be obtained.
3. If source documents AND written third party verification is unobtainable, a written statement by the client or client's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence AND self-certification by client, identifying the required information needed.

### **Income Determination**

All sub-grantees are required to determine a client's annual income, to verify that the client is income-eligible (annual income is at or below 30% of the area median income). To qualify for ESG assistance persons and/or households must earn 30 percent or below of the Area Median Income, as these are set annually by HUD, by household size. Annual income limits will be provided to each sub-recipient as they are made available by HUD. In determining the annual income of an individual or family, the subrecipient must use the standard for calculating anticipated annual income under 24 CFR 5.609.

- a) Annual income means all amounts, monetary or not, that go to, or are on behalf of, the family head or spouse (even if temporarily absent) or to any other family member 18 years old or older, or all amounts anticipated to be received from a source outside the family, during the 12-month period following admission or annual reexamination effective date. In determining income, sub-grantees must also determine the household size as directed in the section below "Determining Household Size".
- b) All sub-grantees must keep income verification documents in a client file, for each client (or household).
- c) All sub-grantees must have each client fill out a Household Composition form, as included in Exhibit A, to verify the size of the client household and to assist in determining income eligibility.
- d) Additionally, the income calculation worksheet, as included in Exhibit B, is required to be utilized by sub-grantee case managers to verify income. The worksheet can also be provided in excel format from the City/County upon request.

## **Treatment of Assets**

Clients will be required to spend down their assets to an amount of \$500.00 before they become eligible to receive financial assistance. The assets to be considered for the draw down will be limited only to balances in a personal checking or savings account held by any household member. Assets held in a retirement or education account, or personal property are not included as part of this requirement.

## **Determining Household Size**

Income limits are published based on the number of persons in the household (for example, 1 person, 2 persons, 3 persons) with increasingly higher income limits for families with more members.

When determining family size for establishing income eligibility, the sub-grantee must include all persons living in the unit except the following:

- a. Live-in aide
  - (1) A person who resides with one or more elderly persons, near-elderly persons, or persons with disabilities, and who:
    - (a) Is determined to be essential to the care and wellbeing of the person(s);
    - (b) Is not obligated for the support of the person(s); and
    - (c) Would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services.
  - (2) To qualify as a live-in aide:
    - (a) The sub-grantee must verify the need for the live-in aide. Verification that the live-in aide is needed to provide the necessary supportive services essential to the care and well-being of the person must be obtained from the person's physician, psychiatrist or other medical practitioner or health care provider. The sub-grantee must approve a live-in aide if needed as a reasonable accommodation in accordance with 24 CFR Part 8 to make the program accessible to and usable by the family member with a disability. The sub-grantee may verify whether the live-in aide is necessary only to the extent necessary to document that applicants or tenants who have requested a live-in aide have a disability-related need for the requested accommodation. This may

include verification from the person's physician, psychiatrist or other medical practitioner or health care provider. The sub-grantee may not require applicants or tenants to provide access to confidential medical records or to submit to a physical examination.

- (b) Expenses for services provided by the live-in aide, such as nursing services (dispensing of medications or providing other medical needs) and personal care (such as bathing or dressing), that are out-of-pocket expenses for the tenant and where the tenant is not reimbursed for the expenses from other sources, are considered as eligible medical expenses. Homemaker services such as housekeeping and meal preparation are not eligible medical expenses (see below for more information on medical expenses.)
  - (c) Qualifies for occupancy only as long as the individual needing supportive services requires the aide's services and remains a tenant. The live-in aide may not qualify for continued occupancy as a remaining family member.
  - (d) Income of a live-in aide is excluded from annual income.
- (3) A relative may be considered to be a live-in aide if they meet the requirements in 1(a) through (c), above.
  - (4) An adult child is eligible to move into an assisted property after initial occupancy only if they are essential to the care or well-being of the elderly parent(s). The adult child may be considered a live-in aide if all of the requirements in 1, above, apply and there is a verified need for a live-in aide in accordance with 2(a), above.
  - (5) An adult child is not eligible to move into an assisted property after initial occupancy unless they are performing the functions of a live-in aide and are eligible to be classified as a live-in aide for eligibility purposes.

b. Foster children or foster adults.

c. Guests.

When determining family size for income limits, the sub-grantee must include the following individuals who are not living in the unit:

a. Children temporarily absent due to placement in a foster home;

- b. Children in joint custody arrangements who are present in the household 50% or more of the time;
- c. Children who are away at school but who live with the family during school recesses;
- d. Unborn children of pregnant women.
- e. Children who are in the process of being adopted.
- f. Temporarily absent family members who are still considered family members. For example, the sub-grantee may consider a family member who is working in another state on assignment to be temporarily absent;
- g. Family members in the hospital or rehabilitation facility for periods of limited or fixed duration. These persons are temporarily absent as defined in subparagraph f above; and
- h. Persons permanently confined to a hospital or nursing home. The family decides if such persons are included when determining family size for income limits. If such persons are included, they must not be listed as the head, co-head, or spouse on the lease or but may be listed as other adult family member. This is true even when the confined person is the spouse of the person who is or will become the head. If the family chooses to include the permanently confined person as a member of the household, the sub-grantee must include income received by these persons in calculating family income.

### **Client's Share of Rent Costs**

The City/County will enforce a graduated subsidy format for determining the ESG client's share of rental costs. A graduated subsidy declines in steps based upon a fixed timeline, until the household assumes full responsibility for monthly housing costs. A graduated subsidy will help reduce the destabilizing cliff effect of a deep subsidy suddenly ending. Declining subsidies allow the household to gradually take over the responsibility of paying rent, and builds both a cushion and confidence along the way.

Initial assistance can be as much as 100% of rental assistance, then decreasing monthly, or every other month, in accordance with client needs and case plan objectives that are developed by the client and the sub-grantee's case manager. Timelines are based on maximum term of assistance; however, clients should be transitioned off of assistance in as short of a timeframe as is appropriate for them to successfully obtain housing stability.

Housing	Homeless Prevention		Rapid Re-Housing
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Month		
1	Case management, counseling assessment, initiate wrap-around services, linkages to service providers, facilitate life skills development, issue security and utility deposits, 100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	Case management, counseling assessment, initiate wrap-around services, linkages to service providers, facilitate life skills development, issue security and utility deposits, 100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
2	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
3	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance; 3 month evaluation	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance; 3 month evaluation
4	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	100% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
5	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
6	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance; 3 month evaluation	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance; 3 month evaluation
7	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	90% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
8	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
9	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
10	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	80% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
11	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
12	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
13	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	70% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
14	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
15	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
16	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	60% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
17	50% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	50% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
18	50% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	50% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance

19	40% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	40% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
20	40% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	40% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
21	30% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	30% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
22	30% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	30% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
23	20% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	20% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
24	20% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance	20% housing subsidy + utility payment assistance
25	30-day Follow-up	30-day Follow-up
26	60-day Follow-up	60-day Follow-up
27	90-day Follow-up	90-day Follow-up

On a case by case basis, sub-grantees may be authorized to increase rental assistance (and not follow the decreasing subsidy scale above), only when extenuating circumstances arise for a client. Some of these extenuating circumstances may include, but is not limited to, reunification with a child, loss of employment (income), drop in income, medical emergency/illness, loss of other resources. In these cases, the sub-grantee will verify and document in each file the reasons for increasing financial assistance, and advise the City and/or County in regards to the specific circumstances of the client, to ensure the City/County will approve the change before it is enacted.

### ***Determination of Unit Size Requirements***

The City and County will require each sub-grantee to determine the appropriate number of bedrooms needed by an individual or family when it determines family eligibility for financial assistance, based on the information below.

The following requirements apply when determining the family unit size:

- The unit size determination must provide for the smallest number of bedrooms needed to house a family without overcrowding, regardless of the amount of the payment standard.
- The unit size determinations must be applied consistently for all families of like size and composition.
- A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family in determining the family's unit size.



- A family that consists of a pregnant woman only (with no other household members), must be treated as a two-person family.
- Two elderly or disabled household members may be given separate bedrooms.
- Any live-in aide (approved by the sub-grantee to reside in the unit to care for a family member who is disabled or is at least 50 years of age) must be counted in determining the family unit size.
- Unless a live-in aide resides with the family, the family unit size for any family consisting of a single person must be either a zero or one-bedroom unit. The City and County of Fresno will allow sub-grantees to provide for case-by-case exceptions to this rule, only after the following has been met:
  1. The client has searched for available zero or one-bedroom units, and at least 4 apartment complexes have been searched with no availability at that bedroom size as evidenced in writing. The sub-grantee may allow the client to rent up to a 2 bedroom unit as long as the payment is equal to the 0-1 bedroom payment.
  2. Client agrees in writing that they will not add additional person(s) to the lease nor move in any additional persons into the assisted unit without first seeking the approval of both the sub-grantee and the landlord. The client will have to be re-evaluated for eligibility on a monthly basis.

UNIT SIZE REQUIREMENTS	
Unit Size Range	Maximum Household Size
0 – 1 BR	2
2 BR	4
3-BR	6
4-BR	8
5-BR	10+

### **Rent Reasonableness**

Rental assistance paid cannot exceed the actual rental cost, which must be in compliance with HUD's standard of "rent reasonableness." "Rent reasonableness" means that the total rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to the rents being charged during the same time period for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be in excess of rents being charged by the owner during the same time period for comparable non-luxury unassisted units. To make this determination, sub-grantees should consider (a) the location, quality, size, type, and

age of the unit; and (b) any amenities, housing services, maintenance and utilities to be provided by the owner. Comparable rents can be checked by using a market study, by reviewing comparable units advertised for rent, or with a note from the property owner verifying the comparability of charged rents to other units owned (for example, the landlord would document the rents paid in other units).

All sub-grantees will be required to fill out the attached Exhibit C: Rent Reasonableness Checklist and Certification in its entirety, for each client assisted with rent, and keep the record in the client file. The form includes several columns where the sub-grantee is expected to find comparables units and comparable rates. In filling out the form, sub-grantees cannot exclusively utilize units within the same apartment complex that the client will be renting, nor can the sub-grantee utilize units that are more than 1 mile away from the unit to be rented.

### **Rental, Security and Utility Payments**

Sub-grantees must not make payments directly to program participants, but only to third parties, such as landlords or utility companies. In addition, an assisted property may not be owned by the grantee, sub-grantee or the parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization of the sub-grantee.

Sub-grantees can only make rental payments and/or security deposits for clients that have a signed lease for their eligible unit. Additionally, the program participant must be named on the lease.

Therefore, assistance could not be provided to an individual renting from a friend or relative if a legal lease is not in place. In cases where an individual is renting a unit from a friend or relative and a legal lease is in place, sub-grantees providing assistance must ensure that the arrangement is not in violation of conflict of interest laws and the rent charged and the terms of the lease must be the same for the participant as they are for other tenants renting comparable units.

If two unrelated individuals are joint parties to a lease, a sub-grantee must consider total household income to determine eligibility (i.e., either the whole household is eligible for assistance, or the whole household is not).

A sub-grantee can provide rental assistance to a client residing at a board and care facility only as long as each resident of the group home, assisted living facility, or boarding house has an individual lease, and has been assessed and certified to be eligible to receive ESG assistance.

Please note that financial assistance for persons in a group home-type setting is limited to: rent, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments. Service fee charges that might be applied at assisted living facilities are not eligible. In addition, if there is another rental subsidy being provided, ESG cannot be used for rent, and if there is a utility subsidy being provided, ESG cannot be used for utilities.

If sub-grantee incurs late fees due to a late submittal of a rental payment, these cannot be reimbursed by, or paid out of, ESG funds.

In addition, the ESG Program also requires a rental assistance agreement between the sub-grantee and the housing owner.

### **Maximum Rent**

Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under 24 CFR part 888.

### **Habitability Standards**

Sub-grantees providing rental assistance with ESG funds will be required to conduct initial and any appropriate follow-up inspections of housing units into which a program participant will be moving. Units should be inspected on an annual basis and upon a change of tenancy. Inspection of each unit must include the filling out and filing of the attached Exhibit D: ESG Housing Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist. Sub-grantees are to ensure that experienced staff performs all habitability inspections

### **Rental Payments in Arrears**

Rental assistance may be used to pay up to 6 months of rental arrears for eligible program participants. Rental arrears may be paid if the payment enables the program participant to remain in the housing unit for which the arrears are being paid or move to another unit. If HPRP funds are used to pay rental arrears, arrears must be included in determining the total period of the program participant's rental assistance.

### **Lead Based Paint Visual Assessment Requirements**

Sub-grantees are required to provide a visual assessment of each selected property for client habitability to ensure that there are no hazards related Lead Based Paint. Visual assessments can be conducted by a HUD-Certified Visual Assessor under ESG, and must meet the requirements as outlined in the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, as noted in Section VII.F of the Notice. A 20-minute online training course on conducting visual assessments can be found on HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm>. After successful completion of the online course, sub-grantees will receive a certificate of completion which qualifies them for conducting the assessments. All sub-grantees are required to have at least one staff member conduct the test and pass.

Sub-grantees are also required to fill out and sign the ESG Lead Screening Worksheet, as enclosed in **Exhibit E**, and the ESG Lead-Based Paint Document Checklist, as enclosed also in Exhibit F, for each client receiving assistance.

Please note, that the form has a last page that requires staff signature and date. Sub-grantees will ensure that the form is signed and dated properly.

## **Reporting Requirements**

### **HMIS**

Sub-grantees are required to input HMIS client data as soon as feasibly possible, and at least on a bi-weekly basis. City and County staff will be working with the Housing Authority to pull data on a monthly basis and will contact sub-grantees who have not utilized HMIS as required. This reporting requirement is set forth to facilitate sub-grantee's quarter-end reporting process and to assist the City/County in its quarterly reporting to the federal government and HUD.

Sub-grantees who fail to meet this requirement will be in default of their agreement, which will trigger a performance review by the City and/or County.

### **Monthly/Quarterly Reporting**

Sub-grantees are required to provide a monthly activity report to the City and/or County in addition to a quarterly performance report to the City and/or County, in the form attached as Exhibit G: Performance Reports.

## **Request for Disbursements**

Sub-grantees will be allowed to request disbursements in arrears, for services provided during the preceding month, and only as identified in their appropriate ESG Agreements/Contracts. Reimbursements shall be made in compliance with the terms of the agreement(s). All requests for disbursements must be accompanied by sufficient supportive documentation verifying actual costs incurred.

City/County staff will review funding disbursement requests to ensure that funds requested are for allowable costs and are within the budget as established in the Agreements/Contracts.

All requests for disbursements will be only in the form(s) as provided in the attached Exhibit H: ESG Funds Disbursement Request.

## **Policy on Security and Utility Deposits**

HUD is giving grantees the discretion to determine how to handle returned security deposits.

The City/County of Fresno will not require it's sub-grantees to recover a utility security deposit (i.e. PG&E) as these are credited as payment toward a final bill if service is turned off within the first 12 months of service. Beyond 12 months, the deposit is credited toward the 13 month of service (or close to it) if there are 12 consecutive on-time payments made. If there are not 12 consecutive on time payments, the deposit will be used for the final month of service.

Each sub-grantee who provides a utility deposit on behalf of an eligible client using ESG services shall make payment of such deposit directly to the vendor (utility provider, landlord or property manager) on behalf of the client. Clients are not eligible to receive a reimbursement for utility deposits which have been previously paid by them or paid on their behalf.

Each sub-grantee who provides a utility deposit shall count the deposit payment as one additional month of support for that eligible client.

In case of security deposits on housing units each sub-grantee who provides a security deposit on behalf of an eligible client using ESG services shall make payment of such deposit directly to the landlord or property manager on behalf of the client. Clients are not eligible to receive a reimbursement for deposits which have been previously paid by them or paid on their behalf.

Each sub-grantee who provides a rental deposit shall count the deposit payment as one additional month of support for that eligible client.

The security deposit minus any portion kept from the deposit, that may be needed to pay for costs incurred by the tenant such as damages to the unit, shall be returned to the sub-grantee and treated as program income. This program income can be utilized by the sub-grantee to pay for other eligible client deposits following the same method. Program income must be accounted for separately by each sub-grantee, and reported to the City/County.

## **Immigration Status**

All sub-grantees are required to verify if a proposed client is a qualified alien. The City and County of Fresno have provided alternate requirements for victims of domestic violence due to the imminent danger these clients are facing.

Additionally:

- As long as there is one adult with legal status in the household and he/she is the primary lessee on the lease, the sub-grantee can serve that household.
- The sub-grantee will count ALL adults and children in the household, and enter them in HMIS
- The sub-grantee will only count income from/for those individuals who have legal status.
- The sub-grantee will NOT count income from those who do not have legal status because their income is not legal.

### **Confidentiality**

Each sub-grantee must develop and implement procedures to ensure:

1. The confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided with assistance; and
2. That the address or location of any assisted housing will not be made public, except to the extent that this prohibition contradicts a preexisting privacy policy of the grantee.

Such procedures must be provided to the City/County before implementation of the program commences.

### **Termination of Housing Assistance**

A sub-grantee may terminate assistance to a program participant who violates program requirements. Sub-grantees may resume assistance to a program participant whose assistance was previously terminated. In terminating assistance to a program participant, the sub-grantee must provide a formal process that recognizes the rights of individuals receiving assistance to due process of law.

This process, at a minimum, must consist of:

1. Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
2. A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and
3. Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.

Such procedures must be provided to the City/County before implementation of the program commences.

## **Non-Discrimination**

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available through the City's ESG Program, or any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

## **Appeals**

If an application is turned down by a sub-grantee, the applicant may appeal, in writing, within ten (10) days after the occurrence. The appeal must clearly state the reasons for the appeal. The appeal will be filed with the sub-grantee, who will review the appeal and respond.

For City of Fresno Applicants: If the appellant is not satisfied with the response of the sub-grantee, the appeal may be presented to the City of Fresno Homeless Policy and Prevention Manager within thirty (30) days of the sub-grantee's response. The City will attempt to resolve the grievance within fifteen (15) days. The ruling of the City will be final.

For County of Fresno Applicants: If the appellant is not satisfied with the response of the sub-grantee, the appeal may be presented to the County of Fresno ESG County Coordinator within thirty (30) days of the sub-grantee's response. The County will attempt to resolve the grievance within fifteen (15) days. The ruling of the County will be final.

## **City/County Administration of the Program**

The City and County of Fresno propose to jointly administer their respective ESG Programs, including updates as needed to this policies and procedures manual. Both agencies will jointly issue a request for funding availability, and work together to select the agencies (sub-grantees) who will receive ESG funding, based on the allocation levels identified in the Action Plans. Each entity will contract individually with each selected vendor. The City/County propose to administer ESG sub-grantee agreements over a two term period.

## **Monitoring**

City/County of Fresno staff will meet with all service providers on a monthly basis to discuss performance, rules, and processes, coordinate services, collaboratively exchange best practices and discuss concerns in administering the program. City/County staff will conduct on-site monitoring and audits of all selected service providers to ensure proper administration of the program. All sub-grantees will be



required to submit monthly, quarterly and yearly reports to the City/County to ensure performance measures are being met. Additionally, the City/County will audit all requests for reimbursement of ESG funds before these are paid to the selected City service providers.

### **Amendments To Program Rules**

The Fresno City Manager's office, or his/her designee(s), may change City program requirements from time to time to meet program objectives. The County Administrative Officer, or his/her designee(s), may change County program requirements from time to time to meet program objectives. All changes will be required to meet ESG guidelines.

*Updated June 5, 2012*

**EXHIBIT A**  
**HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION						
HH Mbr #	Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship to Head of Household	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	F/T Student (Y or N)	Social Security or Alien Reg. No.

I certify that the information presented in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

## EXHIBIT B

### ESG Income Eligibility Calculation Worksheet

To be eligible for ESG households must be at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (and meet other ESG eligibility requirements, as identified in federal regulation). Grantees may use this worksheet to determine whether an applicant household meets the ESG income eligibility threshold. A copy of this worksheet should be kept in the ESG participant case file.

Household Member Number	Household Member Name	Age of Household Member
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
	<b>Total Household Members (Household size)</b>	
	<b>30% of Area Median Income (AMI) for Household Size</b>	<b>\$</b>

Household Member Number/ Name	Sources of Household Income	Gross Documented Current Income Amount	Frequency of Income	Number of Payments per Year	Annual Gross Income (gross income amount X # of payments per year)
	Earned Income (for ADULT household members only)	\$			\$
	Earned Income (for ADULT household members only)	\$			\$
	Earned Income (for ADULT household members only)	\$			\$
	Self-employment/business income	\$			\$
	Self-employment/business income	\$			\$
	Interest & Dividend Income	\$			\$
	Interest & Dividend Income	\$			\$
	Pension/Retirement Income	\$			\$
	Pension/Retirement Income	\$			\$
	Unemployment & Disability Income	\$			\$
	Unemployment & Disability Income	\$			\$
	TANF/Public Assistance	\$			\$
	TANF/Public Assistance	\$			\$
	Alimony, Child Support and Foster Care Income	\$			\$
	Alimony, Child Support and Foster Care Income	\$			\$
	Armed Forces Income	\$			\$
	Armed Forces Income	\$			\$
	Other (specify):	\$			\$
	Other (specify):	\$			\$
<b>Total Annual Gross Income from all Sources</b>			<b>\$</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>30% of Area Median Income for Household Size</b>			<b>\$</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Variance (If less than AMI, then household is income eligible)</b>			<b>\$</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Is the household at or below 30% Area Median Income?</b>					<b>YES-Income Eligible</b>

## Exhibit C: RENT REASONABLENESS CHECKLIST AND CERTIFICATION

	Proposed Unit	Unit #1	Unit #2	Unit #3
Address				
Number of Bedrooms				
Square Feet				
Type of Unit/Construction				
Housing Condition				
Location/Accessibility				
Amenities				
Unit:				
Site:				
Neighborhood:				
Age in Years				
Utilities (type)				
Unit Rent				
Utility Allowance				
Gross Rent				
Handicap Accessible?				

### CERTIFICATION:

#### A. Compliance with Payment Standard

Proposed Contract Rent + Utility Allowance = Proposed Gross Rent

The Proposed Contract Rent ☐ does ☐ does not exceed the maximum allowed monthly rent by bedroom count, as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the use of the local public housing authority in administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program as follows:

Bedroom Count	Payment Standard
0	\$638.00
1	\$702.00
2	\$829.00
3	\$1,206.00
4	\$1,299.00
Payment standards Effective Date: October 1, 2011	

#### B. Rent Reasonableness

Based upon a comparison with rents for comparable units, I have determined that the proposed rent for the unit ☐ is ☐ is not reasonable.

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY NAME:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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## Exhibit D: ESG Housing Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist

### About this Tool

These standards apply only when a program participant is receiving financial assistance and moving into a new (different) unit. Inspections must be conducted upon initial occupancy and then on an annual basis for the term of ESG assistance.

The habitability standards are different from the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) used for other HUD programs. Because the HQS criteria are more stringent than the habitability standards, a grantee could use either standard. In contrast to HQS inspections, the habitability standards do not require a certified inspector. As such, ESG program staff could conduct the inspections, using a form such as this one to document compliance.

**Instructions:** Mark each statement as 'A' for approved or 'D' for deficient. The property must meet all standards in order to be approved. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the client file.

Approved or Deficient	Element
	1. <i>Structure and materials:</i> The structures must be structurally sound so as not to pose any threat to the health and safety of the occupants and so as to protect the residents from hazards.
	2. <i>Access:</i> The housing must be accessible and capable of being utilized without unauthorized use of other private properties. Structures must provide alternate means of egress in case of fire.
	3. <i>Space and security:</i> Each resident must be afforded adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident must be provided with an acceptable place to sleep.
	4. <i>Interior air quality:</i> Every room or space must be provided with natural or mechanical ventilation. Structures must be free of pollutants in the air at levels that threaten the health of residents.
	5. <i>Water Supply:</i> The water supply must be free from contamination.
	6. <i>Sanitary Facilities:</i> Residents must have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, may be used in privacy, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
	7. <i>Thermal environment:</i> The housing must have adequate heating and/or cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
	8. <i>Illumination and electricity:</i> The housing must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and to support the health and safety of residents. Sufficient electrical sources must be provided to permit use of essential electrical appliances while assuring safety from fire.

	9. <i>Food preparation and refuse disposal:</i> All food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner.
	10. <i>Sanitary condition:</i> The housing and any equipment must be maintained in sanitary condition.
	11. <i>Fire safety:</i> Both conditions below must be met to meet this standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each unit must include at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors must be located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. If the unit is occupied by hearing-impaired persons, smoke detectors must have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person.</li> <li>b. The public areas of all housing must be equipped with a sufficient number, but not less than one for each area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas.</li> </ul>

(Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Docket No. FR-5307-N-01, Notice of Allocations, Application Procedures, and Requirements for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grantees under the Recovery Act)

## CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I am not a HUD certified inspector and I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

- ☐ Property meets all of the above standards.  
☐ Property does not meet all of the above standards.

Therefore, I make the following determination:

- ☐ Property is approved.  
☐ Property is not approved.

Case Name: _____
Street Address: _____
Apartment: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Evaluator's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please Print Name: _____
CBO Exec. Dir. Initial: _____

## Exhibit E

### ESG Lead Screening Worksheet

#### About this Tool

The *ESG Lead Screening Worksheet* is intended to guide grantees through the lead-based paint inspection process to ensure compliance with the rule. ESG staff can use this worksheet to document any exemptions that may apply, whether any potential hazards have been identified, and if safe work practices and clearance are required and used. A copy of the completed worksheet along with any additional documentation should be kept in each program participant's case file.

### Instructions

To prevent lead-poisoning in young children, ESG grantees must comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1973 and its applicable regulations found at 24 CFR 35, Parts A, B, M, and R. Under certain circumstances, a visual assessment of the unit is not required. This screening worksheet will help program staff determine whether a unit is subject to a visual assessment, and if so, how to proceed. A copy of the completed worksheet along with any related documentation should be kept in each program participant's file.

Note: ALL pre-1978 properties are subject to the disclosure requirements outlined in 24 CFR 35, Part A, regardless of whether they are exempt from the visual assessment requirements.

#### Basic Information

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
ESG Program Staff \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 1: Determine Whether the Unit is Subject to a Visual Assessment

If the answer to one or both of the following questions is 'no,' a visual assessment is not triggered for this unit and no further action is required at this time. Place this screening worksheet and related documentation in the program participant's file.

If the answer to both of these questions is 'yes,' then a visual assessment is triggered for this unit and program staff should continue to Part 2.

1. Was the leased property constructed before 1978?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Will a child under the age of six be living in the unit occupied by the household receiving ESG assistance?

☐ Yes

☐ No



## Part 2: Document Additional Exemptions

If the answer to any of the following questions is 'yes,' the property is exempt from the visual assessment requirement and no further action is needed at this point. Place this screening sheet and supporting documentation for each exemption in the program participant's file.

If the answer to all of these questions is 'no,' then continue to Part 3 to determine whether deteriorated paint is present.

1. Is it a zero-bedroom or SRO-sized unit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Has X-ray or laboratory testing of all painted surfaces by certified personnel been conducted in accordance with HUD regulations and the unit is officially certified to not contain lead-based paint?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Has this property had all lead-based paint identified and removed in accordance with HUD regulations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Is the client receiving Federal assistance from another program, where the unit has already undergone (and passed) a visual assessment within the past 12 months (e.g., if the client has a Section 8 voucher and is receiving ESG assistance for a security deposit or arrears)?

☐ Yes (Obtain documentation for the case file.)

☐ No

5. Does the property meet any of the other exemptions described in 24 CFR Part 35.115(a).

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the exemption and provide appropriate documentation of the exemption.

## Part 3: Determine the Presence of Deteriorated Paint

To determine whether there are any identified problems with paint surfaces, program staff should conduct a visual assessment prior to providing ESG financial assistance to the unit as outlined in the following training on HUD's website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm>.

If no problems with paint surfaces are identified during the visual assessment, then no further action is required at this time. Place this screening sheet and certification form (Attachment A) in the program participant's file.

If any problems with paint surfaces are identified during the visual assessment, then continue to Part 4 to determine whether safe work practices and clearance are required.

1. Has a visual assessment of the unit been conducted?

☐ Yes

- ☐ No
2. Were any problems with paint surfaces identified in the unit during the visual assessment?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (Complete Attachment A – Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Certification Form)

#### **Part 4: document the level of identified problems**

All deteriorated paint identified during the visual assessment must be repaired prior to clearing the unit for assistance. However, if the area of paint to be stabilized exceeds the de minimus levels (defined below), the use of lead safe work practices and clearance is required. If deteriorating paint exists but the area of paint to be stabilized does not exceed these levels, then the paint must be repaired prior to clearing the unit for assistance, but safe work practices and clearance are not required.

1. Does the area of paint to be stabilized exceed any of the de minimus levels below?
- 20 square feet on exterior surfaces ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - 2 square feet in any one interior room or space ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - 10 percent of the total surface area on an interior or exterior component with a small surface area, like window sills, baseboards, and trim ☐ Yes ☐ No

If *any* of the above are 'yes,' then safe work practices and clearance are required prior to clearing the unit for assistance.

#### **Part 5: Confirm all identified deteriorated paint has been stabilized**

Program staff should work with property owners/managers to ensure that all deteriorated paint identified during the visual assessment has been stabilized. If the area of paint to be stabilized does not exceed the de minimus level, safe work practices and a clearance exam are not required (though safe work practices are always recommended). In these cases, the ESG program staff should confirm that the identified deteriorated paint has been repaired by conducting a follow-up assessment.

If the area of paint to be stabilized exceeds the de minimus level, program staff should ensure that the clearance inspection is conducted by an independent certified lead professional. A certified lead professional may go by various titles, including a certified paint inspector, risk assessor, or sampling/clearance technician. Note, the clearance inspection cannot be conducted by the same firm that is repairing the deteriorated paint.

1. Has a follow-up visual assessment of the unit been conducted?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
2. Have all identified problems with the paint surfaces been repaired?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
3. Were all identified problems with paint surfaces repaired using safe work practices?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

4. Was a clearance exam conducted by an independent, certified lead professional?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

5. Did the unit pass the clearance exam?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

Note: A copy of the clearance report should be placed in the program participant's file.

## Exhibit F

### ESG Lead-Based Paint Document Checklist

#### About this Tool

The following checklist provides ESG grantees with an overview of common documents that can be used to verify compliance with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act. Note that this checklist does not cover all of the documentation that providers would want to include in all instances. For example, additional documentation may be required if the property is found to meet exemptions listed under Part 2 of the Lead Screening Worksheet.

Document Name	Purpose	✓
Application	Documents age of children	
Screenshot of property record from online tax database	Documents age of property	
Lead Screening Worksheet	Documents exemptions (additional documentation will vary based on exemption)	
Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Certification	Documents that a visual assessment was conducted and problems with paint surfaces were not identified	
Owner Certification (if applicable)	Documents owner certification that any identified problems with paint surfaces have been repaired and that safe work practices were followed, as applicable	
Clearance Report (if applicable)	Documents that unit passed clearance	
Documentation of ongoing maintenance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual Assessment Certification Forms</li> <li>Clearance report from each maintenance job involving painted surfaces above the de minimis threshold</li> <li>Notice of lead hazard reduction for each maintenance job involving painted surfaces</li> </ul>	Documents that a visual assessment is performed at least annually during the assistance period and that any deteriorated paint was appropriately addressed (including clearance and notice of lead hazard reduction)	
Documentation of response to EIBLL child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of risk assessment</li> <li>Abatement or clearance report</li> <li>Relocation documents</li> <li>Correspondence with health department</li> </ul>	Documents that if an EIBLL child was identified in the unit, the situation was addressed in accordance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule.	

## Exhibit G

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT HOMLESS PREVENTION AND RAPID REHOUSING

	Report To :	<input type="checkbox"/>	County of Fresno	or	<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Fresno
Name of Agency:						
Project:						
Reporting Month						

#### I. PROGRESS NARRATIVE

A. List specific accomplishments during this reporting period:

B. Problem areas:

C. Is the project following the approved implementation schedule?

D. Has there been any private sector involvement? If so, please provide information here.

#### II. STATUS OF HMIS REPORTING AND DATA INPUT

<b>III. NARRATIVE DESCRIBING SPECIFIC HOUSING RELOCATION &amp; STABILIZATION SERVICES PROVIDED DURING REPORTING PERIOD</b>		
<b>IV. NARRATIVE DESCRIBING SPECIFIC HABITABILITY INSPECTION SERVICES PERFORMED OR CONTRACTED OUT DURING REPORTING PERIOD</b>		
<b>V. PENDING ISSUES:</b>		
<b>VI. CONCLUSIONS:</b>		
<b>AGENCY</b>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> <div style="width: 20%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></div> </div>		
Name	Title	Date
<b>CITY/COUNTY USE ONLY</b>		
Reviewed by City/County Staff		Date



# **Exhibit H** **ESG Funds Disbursement Request**

**Report Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ORGANIZATION NAME:</b>	_____	<b>ATTENTION:</b>	<b>Claudia Cazares</b>
<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	<b>ESG-</b> _____	<b>HUD CONTRACT TIME LAPSED</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>	_____	<b>CONTRACT TIME LAPSED:</b>	<b>0%</b>
		<b>CONTRACT FUNDS EXPENDED:</b>	<b>0%</b>

SEND THE MONTHLY INVOICE FORM TO \_\_\_\_\_ ALONG WITH COPIES OF ALL INVOICES VERIFYING  
EXPENDITURES TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: City of Fresno, Planning and Development Department, Attn: Housing  
Manager, 2600 Fresno St., Room 3070, Fresno, CA 93721

Homeless Prevention - Financial Assistance				Homeless Prevention - Relocation & Stabilization			
	Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date		Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date
Rental Assistance				Case Management Services			
Security & Utility Deposits				Outreach and Engagement			
Utility Payments				Housing Search			
Moving Cost Assistance				Legal Service			
				Credit Repair			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	

Rapid Re-Housing - Financial Assistance				Rapid Re-Housing - Relocation & Stabilization			
	Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date		Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date
Rental Assistance				Case Management Services			
Security & Utility Deposits				Outreach and Engagement			
Utility Payments				Housing Search			
Moving Cost Assistance				Legal Service			
				Credit Repair			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	

Administrative Cost				Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach			
	Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date		Budget	Month Expense	Year to Date
<b>Total</b>				<b>Total</b>			

**FOR CONTRACTOR USE**

Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Four /City/County Use Only:**

Approved By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_