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**Program Year 2019-2020**

**Annual Action Plan**

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## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local communities and states to prepare a 3-5 year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) in order to receive federal housing and community development funding. The City of Mesquite is a participating jurisdiction and receives entitlement grants from HUD for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 (CDBG-CV). This document is the City of Mesquite's 2019 Annual Action Plan and states how the city plans to allocate and implement the fiscal year (FY) 2020 CDBG entitlement funds of \$1,128,827 for the program year (PY) 2019 beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, fiscal year (FY) 2020 CDBG-CV CARES Act funds of \$672,453 for the program year (PY) 2019 beginning June 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and fiscal year (FY) 2020 CDBG-CV CARES Act funds of \$910,854 for the program year (PY) 2020 beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

*This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.*

The objectives and outcomes detail what the city intends to accomplish with CDBG funds to meet the priority housing and community development needs for the 2019 program year. The City of Mesquite has established the following strategies, objectives, and outcomes to guide its 2019 Annual Action Plan goals.

##### **Strategy 1. Improve and preserve the city's housing stock.**

**Objective DH-1.1 (availability/accessibility of decent housing):** Reduce the number of single-family homes with lead-based paint hazards through the city's rehabilitation program. **2019 outcome/goal:** 10 housing units

**Objective DH-1. 1 (affordability of decent housing):** Continue to support programs to rehabilitate and improve existing single family homes occupied by low- and moderate-income and special needs owners. **2019 outcome/goal:** 40 housing units

**Strategy 2. Support organizations that provide services for the city's special needs and low and moderate-income populations.**

**Objective SL-1.1 (availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment):** Provide funding to organizations that provide supportive services for the city's special needs and low and moderate-income populations. **2019 outcome/goal:** 10,913 people

- Visiting Nurse Association (VNA): 21 people
- The Senior Source: 775 people
- Mesquite Social Services: 454 people
- Mission East Dallas: 1,000 people
- Hope's Door: 184 people
- Sharing Life Community Outreach-Indirect Costs: 5,000 people
- Sharing Life Community Outreach-Homelessness: 364 people
- MISD: 60 people
- The Family Place: 345 people
- AZAR Foundation: 1,700 people
- Helen's Project: 10 people
- Allelujah Ministries: 1,000 people

**Objective SL-1.2 (availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment):** Increase involvement and support of the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care process and the annual point-in-time homeless count. **2019 outcome/goal:** 1 point-in-time homeless count, provide Equal Access Final Rule trainings, COC membership, sit on Youth and CAS Committees.

**Strategy 3. Improve and maintain the city's neighborhoods.**

**Objective SL-3.1 (sustainability of a suitable living environment):** Achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity through a positive Code Enforcement program by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations in deteriorated CDBG eligible neighborhoods. **2019 outcome/goal:** 35,458 people benefited in area;

**3. Evaluation of past performance**

*This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.*

The City of Mesquite established three strategies to address housing and community developments for program year 2014. The following summarizes how CDBG funds were used to address the city's needs.

**Strategy 1. Improve and preserve the city's housing stock, including housing for special needs populations.**

Single-family housing rehabilitation and maintenance support of both owner and renter occupied structures in the CDBG-eligible areas have supported this strategy.

- The City of Mesquite provided a Single Family Housing Rehabilitation program that provided exterior home repair (through the Exterior Renewal Program) and limited repair (through the Limited Repair program) and emergency repair grants to low-income, single-family households to improve, repair, or replace items that pose an imminent threat to health and/or safety.
- The Neighborhood Development program used CDBG funds to enforce minimum property standards to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG-eligible areas. The activity proactively addressed substandard living conditions, both interior and exterior, with an aggressive Rental Certificate of Occupancy program.

**Strategy 2. Support organizations that assist the city's special needs populations.**

To support this strategy the city has supported several organizations that provide public services targeted to assist persons with special needs including persons who are at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence (including children), low-income adults and families and persons with disabilities. The following organizations have been able to offer assistance due to CDBG funds:

- Mesquite Social Services provides food and emergency assistance (rent, mortgage, and utility) to very low to moderate-income Mesquite residents, as well as GED vouchers to low-income Mesquite residents without a High school diploma.
- Mission East Dallas provides medical, dental, and behavioral health care services to uninsured and under-insured Mesquite residents.
- Hope's Door provides outreach services, mental health counseling, transitional housing, and emergency shelter to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

- Sharing Life Community Outreach provides food/non-food necessities, clothes, rent and utility assistance, holiday programs, 12-step addiction recovery program, and parenting and job skills training.
- Senior Source is a non-profit agency that assist seniors and their families with a range of age-related issues such as: finances, transportation, and companionship. The Senior Source Ombudsman program exists as an advocacy program for elderly Mesquite residents in long-term care facilities with the goal of resolving various client concerns such as long-term care issues, resident’s rights, and abuse and neglect.
- Visiting Nurse Association provides a “Meals on Wheels” program that provides home-delivered meals five days a week to homebound or disabled seniors in Mesquite. The Visiting Nurse Association is a non-profit that provides healthcare services to the elderly and disabled individuals who are also homebound.

**Strategy 3. Improve and maintain the city's neighborhoods.**

Through code enforcement, the city has assisted the residents in improving and maintaining the neighborhoods in CDBG-eligible areas of Mesquite.

- Code Enforcement CDBG funds were used to fund the salaries and activities of code enforcement officers who cover 33 deteriorated CDBG-eligible areas. Through inspection and enforcement of code violations, the code enforcement officers have helped prevent neighborhood decline.

**4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

*Summary from citizen participation section of plan.*

To inform residents of the public input process and opportunities for the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, a notice was published on the city's web site and posted in the local newspaper, The Daily Commercial Record. Two public hearings regarding the activities and recommended budget proposed in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan were held on July 1, 2019. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain comments from residents and to allow individuals or organizations requesting funding to address the City Council. In addition to the public hearings, a 30-day comment period was held July 2, 2019 through August 2, 2019 in which citizens had the opportunity to provide further comments with access to the 2019 Annual Action Plan draft available online and at the Community Services Office at 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149. To inform residents of the public input process and opportunities for 2020 CDBG-CV

funds, a notice was published on the city's web site and posted in the local newspaper, The Daily Commercial Record. The public hearing regarding the activities and recommended budget proposed for 2020 CDBG-CV funds were held on April 20, 2020. In addition to the public hearing, a 5-day comment period was held May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020 in which citizens had the opportunity to provide further comments with access to the 2020 CDBG-CV Budget draft available online and at the Community Services Office at 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149. The same processes were followed with additional 2020 CDBG-CV funding, with a notice published on the city's website and posted in local newspaper The Daily Commercial Record. A 5-day public comment period was held November 9, 2020 through November 13, 2020, followed by a public hearing before City Council on November 16, 2020.

## **5. Summary of public comments**

*This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.*

We have not received any comments regarding the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

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

The City Council accepted the allocations as recommended by city staff for an equitable distribution of public service funds.

## **7. Summary**

The 2019 Annual Action Plan consists of proposed budgets and activities that will be implemented with FY2019 CDBG entitlement funds of \$1,128,827 for which the grant year will begin on October 1, 2019 and end September 30, 2020. In May 2020, the Annual Action Plan was amended to include the proposed budgets and activities that will be implemented with FY2020 CDBG-CV CARES Act funds of \$672,453 for which the grant year will begin on June 1, 2020 and end December 31, 2020. In November 2020, the Annual Action Plan was amended to include the proposed budgets and activities that will be implemented with additional FY2020 CDBG-CV CARES Act funds of \$910,854 for which the grant year will begin on January 1, 2021 and end December 31, 2021.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MESQUITE	CDBG Division- Housing and Community Services Department

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

The City of Mesquite's CDBG Division of the Housing and Community Services Department (HCS) serves as the lead agency in the development and implementation of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, and correlating Annual Action Plans. The City of Mesquite retained BBC Research & Consulting, Inc. (BBC), an economic research and consulting firm specializing in housing research, to assist in the preparation of the AI, the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan. The City of Mesquite's CDBG Division is responsible for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In addition, other City offices, nonprofits, for-profits, and quasi-governmental entities have various roles and responsibilities for carrying out strategies and activities of the Consolidated Plan.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

In developing the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the CDBG Division of the HCS Department consulted with other City departments and received recommendations from the City Council. Residents had opportunities to provide comments through two public hearings and a 30-day comment period.

#### **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))**

The City of Mesquite continually engages and builds relationships with local service agencies, private industry, and health providers. For example, the Public Housing Agency in Mesquite, The Mesquite Housing Office, is a division of the City of Mesquite and housed in the same department as CDBG administration, allowing for constant coordination. It administers the City's Housing Choice Voucher program and was consulted during the development of the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan. The following Table in Question 2 represents a comprehensive list of those who participated in the 2019 Annual Action Plan process. In connection, with the City’s Analysis of Impediments, the city has made continued effort to focus of fair housing by collaborating with property owners as well as current public housing clients through a series of training session and education events. In addition, the City is committed to the physical and mental health of Mesquite residents and provides free space to Hope’s Door New Beginning Center, a nonprofit which offers free group and individual counseling services to those affected by intimate partner and family violence, as well as a Public Health Clinic which provides vaccinations to children ages 18 and under, and flu shots and TB tests to adults ages 18 and over. Both Hope’s Door and the Public Health Clinic are located within the same building as CDBG administration and the Public Housing Agency, allowing convenience for residents to visit one location and receive multiple services from multiple agencies.

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

Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is the lead agency designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Dallas and Collin Counties Continuum of Care (CoC). The Continuum consists of several agencies including local governments, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, housing providers, and other community organizations and individuals. The Continuum meets regularly through steering committee and general assembly meetings to collaborate on homeless issues and services including the allocation of ESG funds, performance standards, policies and procedures, HMIS, housing opportunities, and other resources. While the City of Mesquite does not receive ESG funds, the City is involved and supports the Metro Dallas

Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) and their annual point-in-time homeless count. The city also funds Mesquite Social services and Sharing Life Community Outreach, both of which provide rental assistance to families and individuals facing imminent homelessness.

**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**

The City of Mesquite does not receive ESG funds. However, the City is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC), who is the geographic area's CoC with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) as the lead agency. The CoC is continually developing and evaluating performance standards and policies for ESG allocation as well as the administration of HMIS through various task committees including the Technical Assistance and an Independent Review Committee.

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Mesquite
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA City Departments Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Mesquite's Housing Division, Planning Division, and Neighborhood Vitality were consulted for the development of the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Continued improved coordination between departments will increase the success of revitalization efforts including those funded through CDBG activities.

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

The city made an effort to invite all agency types to participate.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA)	The Strategic Plan works in conjunction with the COC plan.

*Table 2 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts*

**Narrative**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

#### **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

City of Mesquite made efforts to broaden citizen participation by holding a public hearing to allow citizens the opportunity to public comment on the Program Year 2019 CDBG Budget and Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan. The goal was to receive input on how citizens would like the funds to be spent which would prioritize certain goals over others. A notice for 30-day public comment period was also posted in the Daily Newspaper to solicit comments regarding the CDBG Budget and Annual Action Plan via postage mail or email for individuals who could not make it to the public meeting. To inform residents of the public input process and opportunities for Round 1 of 2020 CDBG-CV funds, a notice was published on the city's web site and posted in the local newspaper, The Daily Commercial Record. The public hearing regarding the activities and recommended budget proposed for 2020 CDBG-CV funds were held on April 20, 2020. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain comments from residents and to allow individuals or organizations requesting funding to address the City Council. In addition to the public hearing, a 5-day comment period was held May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020 in which citizens had the opportunity to provide further comments with access to the 2020 CDBG-CV Budget draft available online and at the Community Services Office at 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149. The same processes were followed with additional 2020 CDBG-CV funding, with a notice published on the city's website and posted in local newspaper The Daily Commercial Record. A 5-day public comment period was held November 9, 2020 through November 13, 2020, followed by a public hearing before City Council on November 16, 2020.

#### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	At the June 18, 2019 meeting, there were members of the public in attendance.	No comments received at June 18, 2019 public meeting.	No comments received at June 18, 2019 public meeting.	<a href="https://www.cityofmesquite.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06182019-826">https://www.cityofmesquite.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06182019-826</a>
2	Newspaper Advertisement	Non-targeted/broad community	A notice was published in the newspaper soliciting public comments from the public in regards to the CDBG Budget and 2019 Annual Action Plan.	No comments received during the comment period from July 2, 2019 through August 2, 2019	No comments received during the comment period of July 2, 2019 through August 2, 2019	
3	Newspaper Advertisement	Non-targeted/broad community	A notice was published in the newspaper soliciting public comments from the public in regards to the CDBG-CV Budget.	No comments received during the comment period from May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020.	No comments received during the comment period of May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	At the June 1, 2020 meeting, there were members of the public in attendance.	No comments received at June 1, 2020 public meeting.	No comments received at June 1, 2020 public meeting.	<a href="https://www.cityofmesquite.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_06012020-1124">https://www.cityofmesquite.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_06012020-1124</a>
5	Newspaper Advertisement	Non-targeted/broad community	A notice will be published in the newspaper November 5, 2020 soliciting public comments from the public in regards to the CDBG-CV Budget.			
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	At the November 16, 2020 meeting, there will be members of the public in attendance.			

*Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach*

**Expected Resources**

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

## Introduction

The City of Mesquite receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City will use a combination of federal and General Fund monies as well as private funds for project leveraging to address the priority housing and community development needs and specific objectives identified for the 2019 Annual Action Plan. The following resources can be utilized either directly through the city or through other private entities. Federal resources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HUD Housing Choice Voucher program, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant. Local resources include donations, volunteers, and City staff time that assists with a local house or yard project on Addressing Mesquite Day. It is expected that we will have approximately \$821,059 in program income in PY2019 that will be derived from NSP.

## Priority Table

Source of Funds	Source	Use of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1		Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation	Program Income		
CDBG	Public-Federal	Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Improvements, Public Services	Annual Allocation	\$1,128,827	\$0	The City of Mesquite does not expect to generate program income from CDBG related programs and activities.
			Program Income	\$0		
			Prior Year Resources	\$0		
			Total	\$1,128,827		
CDBG-CV	Public-Federal	Housing, Public Services	Annual Allocation	\$1,583,307	\$0	The City of Mesquite does not expect to generate program income from CDBG related programs and activities.
Total	\$1,583,307					

Source of Funds	Source	Use of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1		Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation			
NSP	Public-Federal	Acquisition, Admin, Housing	Annual Allocation	\$0	\$0	The City of Mesquite expects to receive some program income from properties sold under NSP, which will then be transferred to CDBG Housing Rehabilitation.
			Program Income	\$364,164		
			Prior Year Resources	\$0		
			Total	\$364,164		

Table 4 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

While the City does not receive HOME or ESG funds with matching requirements, the City is working with a developer of a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit project in one of the CDBG targeted neighborhoods. Revitalization efforts will receive investments from other sources such as rehabilitating tax-foreclosed properties. The city also applies for grant funding for other revitalization efforts. For example, the City received the Lowe's/Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant to create a pocket park in a CDBG eligible neighborhood. Federal advantage also includes local resources of donations and volunteers who assist with a local house or yard project on Addressing Mesquite Day.

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

Currently, vacant lots within the City are being utilized for revitalization efforts. For example, a vacant lot in a CDBG eligible neighborhood has been transformed into a neighborhood pocket park. The Truman Heights Park was dedicated and opened in July 2014.



## **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Sort	Goal Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Public Service Programs
3	Code Enforcement
4	Infrastructure Improvements

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b).**

The City of Mesquite does not receive HOME funds. However, the City has a goal to rehabilitate 40 single-family homes owned by low- or extremely low-income residents during PY2019. The City will continue its Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Vitality programs to increase the sustainability of suitable living environments through neighborhood preservation and property standards.

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following table outlines the projects to be carried out by the City of Mesquite during PY2019 covered by this Action Plan.

Sort	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Public Services
3	Neighborhood Projects
4	Housing

*Table 5 – Project Information*

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

Quantitative research (housing market and demographic analysis) and qualitative research (surveys, public meetings, focus groups, and resident input) impacted the priority needs and strategies for the City of Mesquite's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Needs were developed and then ranked using high, medium, and low priority ranking.

### High priority needs:

- Rehabilitation of single family homes
- Reduce the number of single family homes with lead based paint hazards
- Support organizations that provide supportive services for the city's special needs and low- and moderate-income populations.
- A strong code enforcement program in CDBG eligible neighborhoods
- Proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in CDBG eligible areas

### Medium priority needs:

- Demolish and clear homes and/or buildings (if necessary) that are hazardous, uninhabitable and economically beyond repair. Demolishing and clearing out substandard homes will increase and improve neighborhood stability, and encourage self-help fix up and clean up campaigns in low income neighborhoods. This is a remedial action in the City's Analysis of Impediments that the city has been working toward in connection with the Department of Neighborhood Vitality.

### Low priority needs:

- Improve infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, streets, storm drainage systems, etc.) in CDBG eligible neighborhoods. Improving infrastructure will increase and improve neighborhood stability as mentioned as a remedial action in the Analysis of Impediments.

AP -35 Project Summary

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration & Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000; CDBG-CV \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	City of Mesquite PY19 CDBG's Administration and Planning related activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The Administration activity covers the cost of administering, operating, and monitoring the CDBG program while the Planning activity administers comprehensive planning for the CDBG program. Neither activity has direct beneficiaries.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The administration of the CDBG grant will take place at 1515 N. Galloway Ave, Mesquite, TX 75149 and 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Programs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Activities Public Service Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$164,979; CDBG-CV: \$1,553,307
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to provide public services to low and/or moderate income persons in the City of Mesquite. This project provides funding for Mesquite Social Services; Hope's Door; Sharing Life Community Outreach; Mission East Dallas; Visiting Nurse Association (VNA); The Senior Source; Mesquite ISD; AZAR Foundation; The Family Place; Allelujah Ministries; Helen's Project;
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Estimated 10,913 low-income families will benefit from the proposed activities from Objective SL-1.1 (Public Service Agencies)
	<b>Location Description</b>	Description Activities will take place within the City of Mesquite.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Public Service projects will provide services to an estimated 10,913 individuals through assistance with utilities and rent; medical and dental care; food security; and crisis relief.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Neighborhood Projects
	<b>Target Area</b>	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods - Code Enforcement
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Code Enforcement Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$202,000
	<b>Description</b>	City of Mesquite PY19 CDBG Neighborhood Projects Activities will focus on addressing code enforcement issues and maintenance of rental and homeowners structures in CDBG areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Estimated people benefit from code enforcement and maintenance of rental and homeowner structures: 46,605
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Mesquite 33 Deteriorating Areas and CDBG Areas
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Orphan Sidewalks- \$111,738; Environmental Code- \$202,000
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITYWIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$597,040; NSP: \$364,164
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to support rehabilitation of existing homes and expansion of homeownership for low to moderate-income individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30 low/moderate income persons for Housing Rehab; 8 low/moderate income persons for H.O.M.E ; 10 low/moderate income persons for Down Payment Assistance Program
	<b>Location Description</b>	Description Activities will take place within the City of Mesquite

<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project includes activity Housing Rehabilitation that provides single-family homeowner rehabilitation and emergency repair grants to low-income households to improve, repair or replace items necessary to meet minimum building codes or to repair items that pose an imminent threat to health and/or safety. This project also includes a Down Payment Assistance program to help low-moderate income residents, who are first-time homebuyers, with financial assistance to gain homeownership.
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**AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

The City of Mesquite's public service grants are provided for assistance to special needs populations citywide, including persons who are at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence (including children), and low-income adults and families. Similarly, housing rehabilitation services will be provided to qualified low- and moderate-income homeowners throughout the City of Mesquite. Code Enforcement activities will take place in 33 CDBG-eligible areas which meet the city's definition of "deteriorating" or "deteriorated" as seen in the map under the in the SP-10 Geographic Priorities section. All 33 areas are located within one Census Tract.

**Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Census Tract 017606	<b>4.5</b>

*Table 6 - Geographic Distribution*

**Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Approximately 4.5 percent of the PY2019 entitlement funds to specifically impact the CDBG eligible areas listed above through neighborhood revitalization activities. Code Enforcement activities will take place in 33 CDBG-eligible areas which meet the City's definition of "deteriorating" or "deteriorated" where there is a concentration of substandard housing stock, neglected improvements and/or property nuisances. The objective of Code Enforcement is to achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations. Code Enforcement activities work in conjunction with a proactive approach to arrest neighborhood decline, which requires owners to reinvest in the maintenance of their property.

**Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The City of Mesquite's housing priorities include rehabilitation and improvement of single-family homes of low- and moderate-income and special need owners and the reduction of single-family homes with lead-based paint hazards. Priorities also include participation in the local Continuum of Care (COC) annual point-in-time count, and enforcing and promoting property standards and code enforcement.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	10
Non-Homeless	600
Special-Needs	0
Total	610

*Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement*

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	600
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	40
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	640

*Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type*

#### Discussion

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.



## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

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

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

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

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, does not own or manage any public housing units. Not applicable for the City of Mesquite. However, the Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of its Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address education, socio-economic, recreational, and other service needs through the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The Mesquite Housing Office created the Home Ownership Program in 2013.

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

The Mesquite Housing Office, or housing authority, is not designated as being troubled.

### **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Mesquite's Housing and Community Services Department will continue to make the issue of homelessness a priority through programs that ensure low- and moderate-income households are able to maintain and afford homes and other services through the housing rehabilitation program, public service agencies, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, the lead agency for the Dallas and Collin County Continuum of Care (CoC), which builds relationships with many shelter and transitional housing agencies within the continuum if services are needed. The City of Mesquite will participate in Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) annual point-in-time count in an attempt to reach out to homeless persons within the city.

**Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.**

The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) which builds relationships with many shelter and transitional housing agencies within the continuum if services are needed.

**Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.**

The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) which builds relationships to many shelter and transitional housing agencies within the continuum if services are needed. The city also funds Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center which provides transitional housing to more than 30 individuals who are victims of domestic violence.

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

The City of Mesquite is involved and supports the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) which builds relationships with many shelter and transitional housing agencies within

the continuum if services are needed.

**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's activates for non-homeless special needs populations for program year 2019 are:

- **Objective DH-2. 1 (affordability of decent housing):** Continue to support programs to rehabilitate and improve existing single family homes occupied by low- and moderate-income and special needs owners.
- **Objective DH-1.1 (availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment):** Reduce the number of single-family homes with lead-based paint hazards through the city's rehabilitation program.
- **Objective SL-1.1 (availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment):** Provide funding to organizations that provide supportive services for the City's special needs and low and moderate-income populations.

-Mesquite Social Services: Emergency assistance, and GED vouchers

-Mission East Dallas: General medical, dental, and behavioral health care

-Hope's Door: Domestic Violence Shelter, Transitional Housing, and mental health care

-Sharing Life Community Outreach: Emergency assistance, food pantry, school supplies, financial coaching and literacy, and computer job training

-Visiting Nurse Association (VNA): Senior/Elderly Services, Meals on Wheel's program

-The Senior Source: Senior/Elderly Services

- **Objective SL-3.1 (sustainability of a suitable living environment):** Achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity through a positive Code Enforcement program by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations in deteriorated CDBG eligible

neighborhoods.

## Discussion

Several organizations and services also provide homeless preventative services in Mesquite. These include:

- **City of Mesquite’s Housing and Community Services Department**—The Mesquite Public Health Clinic offers immunizations at a very low cost, or no cost, to children 18 years old and younger, as well as TB tests and flu shots for adults 18 and older.
- **Parks and Recreation Department**—Offer programs for low- and moderate- income persons. The programs are funded through the City or by private, state and federal funding. A program directed at youth includes a discounted after-school care program for children whose parents cannot afford the cost of day care.
- **Mesquite Independent School District and the City of Mesquite**—sponsor a Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program that is open and to all children or youth ages one to 18 years of age. It is provided through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Meals are served daily at selected school cafeterias.
- **COMPASS**—is a weekday commuter shuttle for residents who live in Mesquite but work elsewhere in the region. Residents able to utilize the service save money on gas and parking costs.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Mesquite developed the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for program years 2010-2016, which is available on the City's website. This report includes a review of City laws and policies, as well as public and private sector conditions that affect fair housing choice. The City is committed to being a positive partner and eliminate barriers to affordable housing.

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

The City has developed objectives and activities for the 2019 Annual Action Plan to mitigate barriers to affordable housing:

- Objective DH-2. 1 (affordability of decent housing): Continue to support programs to rehabilitate and improve existing single family homes occupied by low and moderate income and special needs owners. **2019 outcome/goal:** 40 housing units; \$961,204
- Objective DH-1.1 (availability/accessibility of decent housing): Reduce the number of single-family homes with lead based paint hazards through the City's rehabilitation program. **2019 outcome/goal:** 10 housing units
- Objective SL-3.1 (sustainability of a suitable living environment): Achieve and preserve neighborhood integrity through a positive Code Enforcement program by providing inspections and issuing code enforcement violations in deteriorated CDBG eligible neighborhoods. **2019 outcome/goal:** 46,605 people benefited in area; \$245,485

### **Discussion**

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## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Mesquite, in coordination with partnering agencies, provides various forms of outreach and service to the citizens in order to meet underserved needs, maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, and reduce the number of poverty-level families.

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

The City of Mesquite is strongly committed to meeting underserved needs in the community. The City has a strong and stable relationship with the service providers in the area. The primary gap in the delivery of services is the lack of adequate financial resources to best serve the city's populations in need. The City will work cooperatively and support the service providers in order to maximize financial resources to reduce any gaps in the institutional structure.

The CDBG Division also draws on public and private agencies as resources or partners for housing and economic development programs and to better serve the low-income community. These partnering agencies include but are not limited to local libraries, schools, businesses, and the local housing authority.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The CDBG funded programs through which the city carries out rehabilitation-related activities and other physical improvement activities to foster and maintain affordable housing. These include:

- The CDBG Division will conduct owner-occupied single family housing rehabilitation activities, including limited repair, exterior renewal, and emergency repairs.
- Code Enforcement personnel inspect housing that appears to have code violations, and whenever appropriate; the homeowners are referred to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- The Housing and Community Services Department is the primary organization through which the City carries out fair housing related activities, by providing consultation and assistance to people who have fair housing questions and/or desire to file a complaint.

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

HUD has regulations to protect children from the hazards of lead based paint in federally funded

projects. HUD continues to provide training for compliance with these regulations. Staff from the City's Housing Office has attended trainings and is currently in compliance with these regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher program and the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. Lead-based paint qualifying housing rehabilitation projects are tested and City staff oversee mitigation efforts. In addition, the City continues to provide the required notices and information about the hazards and risks of lead-based paint to all program participants.

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

The City of Mesquite is committed to provide the lowest income residents with quality housing and neighborhoods in addition to helping these residents move out of poverty and become self-sufficient. The City's housing and community development programs are targeted to improving the housing and neighborhood conditions of low- and moderate-income residents.

As it has done in the past, the City will continue working to attract high paying jobs and industry to the community through the Economic Development Department. The City of Mesquite will also continue to work with and through the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce and other similar bodies in the region to increase the quality and size of the labor force in Mesquite. The city continues to support the Mesquite Independent School District who provides each child with a sound educational foundation to have better prepare them to assume effective positions in the work place in the future and thus help reduce the level of poverty in Mesquite. Through the Family Self Sufficiency Program, the Mesquite Housing Office encourages self-sufficiency of their Housing Choice Voucher participant families and assists in the expansion of family opportunities that address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs.

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

The City of Mesquite will implement the 2019 Annual Action Plan through the CDBG Division of the Community Services Department, which serves as the lead agency. The Housing and Community Services Department is the local government entity specifically responsible for carrying out housing and community development activities. The Community Services Department will also collaborate with other departments of the city, nonprofits, for-profits, and quasi-governmental entities including the City Council, the Mesquite Housing Office, supportive service organizations, faith-based organizations, etc., to carry out the strategies and activities of the Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

As a part of the annual CDBG application process the City holds public hearings where the residents and service providers of Mesquite provide input concerning the priority needs of the

community. The CDBG Division reviews the funding applications with the priority needs of the Consolidated Plan and the needs of the community in mind, and funding recommendations are made to the City Council and community during public hearings.

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

The City Council assists in the Annual Action Plan process by providing input on the needs of the community by reviewing applications for funding, and by approving the final Annual Action Plan.

The Community Services Department is the primary organization through which the City carries out fair housing related activities, by providing consultation and assistance to people who have fair housing questions and/or desire to file a complaint.

The Housing and Community Services Department's CDBG Division works with non-profits, for-profits, the local Continuum of Care, faith-based organizations, and public agencies to achieve the Consolidated Plan's established strategies, objectives, and outcomes. The two key roles these outside agencies serve are: they receive funds through the competitive allocation process to serve low-income and special needs populations throughout the community; and they provide a resource for needs assessments, networking and communication of services to low income or homeless clients.

**Discussion**

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**Program Specific Requirements**

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

**Introduction**

The City of Mesquite estimates that 15 percent of the PY2019 CDBG entitlement funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income for public services. The City will allocate approximately 4.5 percent of the PY2019 entitlement funds to specifically impact the 33-40 CDBG eligible areas identified to receive neighborhood revitalization activities and 12.5 percent for administration and planning activities for the grant. The City will allocate approximately 99 percent of the FY2020 CDBG-CV entitlement funds to support individuals and families negatively impacted by COVID-19 and less than 1 percent for administration and planning activities for the grant.

No program income is expected in PY2019. While no grant funds have been returned to the line of credit, the city does anticipate a portion of funds allocated to activities in the previous program year will not be expended. The funds will be used in PY2019 as planned when originally allocated and an amendment to the Annual Action Plan will be made prior to CDBG fund expenditure for these activities.

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l) (1)**

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

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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities		0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.		88.00%

**Discussion**

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