

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). This document is the City of Mesquite's 2017 Annual Action Plan and states how the City plans to allocate and implement the fiscal year (FY) 2018 CDBG entitlement funds of \$1,001,920.00 for the program year (PY) 2017 beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

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 2017 program year. The City of Mesquite has established the following strategies, objectives, and outcomes to guide its 2017 Annual Action Plan goals.

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

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. Also, The City will support First-Time Homeowners by offering financial assistance to secure a single-family residential home. **2017 outcome/goal: 65** housing units; \$479,606.00

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. **2017 outcome/goal: 3** 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. **2017 outcome/goal:** 38,359 people; \$145,000 (total):

- Mesquite Social Services—Emergency Assistance: 390 people; \$30,000.00
- Summer Youth Internship: 10 people; \$30,000.00
- New Beginning Center: 50 people; \$30,000.00
- Sharing Life Community Outreach: 37,659 people; \$25,000.00
- Sharing Life Community Outreach—Rapid Re-housing: 250 people; \$30,000.00

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. **2017 outcome/goal:** 1 point-in-time homeless count.

Objective SL-1.3 (availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment): Provide First-Time Homebuyer Assistance for the city's special needs and low and moderate income populations. **2017 outcome/goal:** 15 Households

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. **2017 outcome/goal:** 15,974 households benefited in area; \$100,300.00

Objective SL-3.2 (sustainability of a suitable living environment): Enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas as part of the Neighborhood Development program. **2017 outcome/goal:** 1,000 households benefited in area; \$107,169.00

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 2017. The following summarizes how CDGB 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 interior and exterior home repair 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.
- Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (H.O.M.E) program will use CDBG funds to rehabilitate low-and moderate-income single-family residential homes in Mesquite in deteriorated CDBG-eligible areas. The activity helps prevent neighborhood decline.

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 provided food and emergency assistance (rent, mortgage, and utility).
- New Beginning Center provided outreach services and shelter to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.
- Sharing Life Community Outreach provided food/non-food necessities, clothes, rent and utility assistance, holiday programs, 12-step addiction recovery program and parenting and job skills training.

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.

- Orphan Sidewalk Rehabilitation will use CDBG funds to rehabilitate or reconstruct sidewalks in single-family residential CDBG areas.

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 2017 Annual Action Plan, a notice was placed 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 2017 Annual Action Plan were held on June 19, 2017, and August 7, 2017. The purpose of these hearings were to obtain comments from residents and to allow individuals or organizations requesting funding to address the City Council. In addition to the public hearings, two 14-day comment periods were held June 15, 2017, through July 20, 2017 in which residents had the opportunity to provide further comments with access to the 2017 Annual Action Plan draft accessible online and at the Community Services Building at 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149.

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.

There were five public comments for the City of Mesquite's CDBG budget. Each of the comments detailed how CDBG funds help public service organizations in the City of Mesquite and how they are grateful for CDBG funds.

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

Public comments were accepted in person and by mail (postal service) for the 2017 Annual Action Plan during the two 14-day comment periods from June 15, 2017, to July 20, 2017. Public comments were also accepted at two public hearings on June 19, 2017, and August 7, 2017 respectively. All public comments were received and accepted for consideration in the adoption of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. However, the City Council accepted the allocations as recommended by City staff.

7. Summary

The 2017 Annual Action Plan consists of proposed budgets and activities that will be implemented with FY2018 CDBG entitlement funds of 1,001,920. The grant year will begin on October 1, 2017 and end September 30, 2018. See attached table on pages 16-20 for the list of activities and associated budget.

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 Dept.

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

In developing the 2017 Annual Action Plan, the CDBG Division of the HCS Department consulted with other City departments and local service providers, and received recommendations from the City Council. Residents had opportunities to provide comments through two public hearings and two 14-day comment periods.

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

The City 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 HCS 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 table in question 2 below represents a comprehensive list of those who participated in the 2017 Annual Action Plan process.

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 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, performance standards, policies and procedures, Homeless Management Information System (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.

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 Committees.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Mesquite
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services-Elderly Persons Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Mesquite's Housing Division, and Planning Division were consulted for the development of the 2017 Annual Action Plan. Continued improved coordination between departments will increase the success of revitalization efforts including those funded through CDBG activities
2	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW BEGINNING CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided documentations with focus of non-housing needs for victims of domestic violence within the City of Mesquite.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Sharing Life Community Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency provided documentation for the City of Mesquite's housing needs and non-housing needs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Mesquite Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency provided documentation for the City of Mesquite's housing needs and non-housing needs.

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

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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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**

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	All residents	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	Newspaper Ad	All Residents	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	Public Hearing	All residents	There were five community members who attended the Public Hearing.	All of the public hearing comments detailed the importance of CDBG Funding to low-moderate income residents of the City of Mesquite.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,001,920	0	0	1,001,920	0	The City of Mesquite is an Entitlement City and receives the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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 2017 Annual Action Plan.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

While the City does not receive HOME or ESG funds with matching requirements, the City hopes to leverage federal funds with private sector funds for activities such as Neighborhood Economic Development. 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 city 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 leverage also includes local resources of donations and volunteers who assist with a local house or yard projects on Addressing Mesquite Day. All sub-recipient agencies have other resources to supplement CDBG funding.

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. The City is also in the process of partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Dallas to rehabilitate numerous tax-foreclosed properties in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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 25 single family homes owned by low- or extremely low-income residents during PY2017. The City will continue its Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Development programs to increase the sustainability of suitable living environments through neighborhood preservation and property standards.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects will address priority needs and objectives adopted by the City Council.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Public Services
2	CDBG Administration
3	CDBG Neighborhood Projects
4	CDBG Housing Programs

Table 8 – 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 according to HUD-specified 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.
- Neighborhood economic development assistance such as forgivable loans, low-interest rate loans or grants to CDBG area retail stores.

Low priority needs:

- Improve infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, streets, storm drainage systems, etc.) in CDBG eligible

neighborhoods.

The primary gap in the delivery of services is the lack of adequate financial resources to best serve the City's populations in need.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Suitable Living 1.1
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$145,000.00
	Description	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; Summer Youth Internship; New Beginning Center; and; Sharing Life Community Outreach. These five Public Service projects will provide services to an estimated 37,359 individuals through increased public interaction and enforcement; assistance with utilities and rent; medical and dental care; and crisis relief.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated 37,359 low-income families will benefit from the proposed activities from Objective SL-1.1 (Public Service Agencies)
	Location Description	Activities will take place within the City of Mesquite.
	Planned Activities	Mesquite Social Services- \$30,000.00; Summer Youth Internship- 30,000.00; New Beginning Center-\$30,000.00; Sharing Life Community Outreach-25,000.00; and Sharing Life Community Outreach Homelessness- \$30,000.00.
2	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$89,966

	Description	City of Mesquite PY16 CDBG's Administration and Planning related activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	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.
	Location Description	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.
	Planned Activities	Administration.
3	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Projects
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods
	Goals Supported	Suitable Living 3.1, 3.2
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$282,469.00
	Description	City of Mesquite PY17 CDBG Neighborhood Projects Activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Orphan Sidewalks- \$75,000.00; Environmental Code- \$100,300.00; Neighborhood Development- \$107,169.00.
4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Programs
	Target Area	City-Wide, CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing 1.1, 1.2
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$479,606.00
	Description	Funding to support rehabilitation of homes for low to moderate income individuals.
	Target Date	

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	65 low/moderate income homes
Location Description	The Planning of the CDBG grant will take place at 1616 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149.
Planned Activities	This project includes activities (Housing Rehabilitation & H.O.M.E) that provide 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. Repairs included replacing such items as defective water heaters, non-working HVAC systems, unsecured doors and windows, deteriorated roofing, siding, plumbing and electrical systems. This project also includes a First-Time Homebuyer program to help low-moderate income residents, who are first-time homebuyers, gain financial assistance to gain homeownership.

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 are provided to qualified low- and moderate-income homeowners throughout the City of Mesquite. There are two Low/Moderate Area (LMA) benefit activities: Code Enforcement, Rental-Certificate of Occupancy. These two 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.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Deteriorated Neighborhoods	28.19

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Approximately 28.19 percent (\$282,469.00) of the PY2017 [DB1] entitlement funds to specifically impact the LMA CDBG eligible areas listed above through neighborhood revitalization activities. Both Code Enforcement and Rental-Certificate of Occupancy 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. The goal of Rental-Certificate of Occupancy is to enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures. The Code Enforcement and Rental-Certificate of Occupancy activities work in conjunction with a proactive approach to arrest neighborhood decline which requires owners to

reinvest in the maintenance of their property.

Discussion

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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.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	65
Non-Homeless	16,974
Special-Needs	0
Total	17,039

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	45
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	45

Table 12 - 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 also created the Home Ownership Program in 2013. The Home Ownership Program assists families by providing monthly assistance payments that contribute to the mortgage payment.

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 HCS 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 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 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 CoC, which builds relationships with many shelter and transitional housing agencies within the continuum. Mesquite public service organizations offer emergency assistance, food pantry, school supplies, financial coaching and literacy, computer job training and rental assistance. Mesquite's public service organizations plan to assist over 38,359 individuals in 2017.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

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 CoC, which builds relationships with many shelter and transitional housing agencies within the continuum if services are needed. Mesquite public service organizations offer emergency assistance, food pantry, school supplies, financial coaching and literacy, computer job training and rental assistance. Mesquite's public service

organizations plan to assist over 38,359 individuals in 2017.

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 activities for non-homeless special needs populations for program year 2017 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

-New Beginning Center: Domestic Violence Shelter

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

-Summer Youth Internship: Job skills/training

- **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.
- **Objective SL-3.2 (sustainability of a suitable living environment):** Enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas as part of the Neighborhood Development program.
- **Objective SL-3.3 (sustainability of a suitable living environment):** Enforce and promote minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas as part of the

Neighborhood Development program.

Discussion

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

- **City of Mesquite's HCS Department**—The Mesquite Public Health Clinic offers immunizations at a very low cost, or no cost, to children 18 years old and younger.
- **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.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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 2015-2019. 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

Discussion

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

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 residents 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 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 works 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 includes:

- The CDBG Division conducts owner-occupied single family housing rehabilitation activities, including exterior and interior renewal, and emergency repairs.
- Code Enforcement personnel inspects housing that appears to have code violations, and whenever appropriate; the homeowners are referred to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- The CDBG Neighborhood Development program enforces and promotes minimum property standards (both interior and exterior) to ensure proper maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures in deteriorated CDBG eligible areas.
- The HCS 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 mitigation efforts are overseen by City staff. 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 in providing each child with a sound educational foundation to 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 2017 Annual Action Plan through the CDBG Division of the HCS Department, which serves as the lead agency. The HCS Department is the local government entity specifically responsible for carrying out housing and community development activities. The HCS Department will also partner 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 2017 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 then 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 HCS 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 HCS 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(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City of Mesquite estimates that 14.47 percent (\$145,000) of the PY2017 CDBG entitlement funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. The remaining 9 percent will be used for administration and planning activities for the grant. The City will allocate approximately 43 percent (\$432,464.00) of the PY2017 entitlement funds to specifically impact the 33-40 CDBG eligible areas identified to receive code enforcement and neighborhood revitalization activities. The City will also allocate 33 percent (\$334,490.00) of the PY2017 entitlement funds to Housing Rehabilitation for emergency, exterior and interior repairs.

No program income is expected in PY2017. 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 PY2017 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(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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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.

85.00%

Discussion

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