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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The County of Fresno is an Urban County entitlement participating jurisdiction that receives federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to invest into the local community. The County of Fresno's five-year Consolidated Plan for program years 2020-2024 is prepared in accordance with HUD's Strategic Plan regulations (24 CFR 91). The Consolidated Plan is a strategic planning requirement for jurisdictions participating in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, of which the County of Fresno is a current recipient.

The Consolidated Plan provides information about the County's housing and community development needs and describes how HUD program funds will be used to address those needs over the next five-year period.

Fresno County is centrally located within the State of California. It encompasses 6,000 square miles and is comprised of one large central city and one medium-sized adjacent city (both of which receive separate entitlement grants from HUD); 13 smaller cities; and approximately 35 unincorporated communities. It is the tenth largest county in California with a population of approximately 995,000, based on the 2019 population estimate prepared by the California State Department of Finance, and has been one of the leading agricultural counties in the nation for over 50 years. The County's Urban County Entitlement Program for which the HUD funds are received currently includes six partner cities, which are the smaller cities of Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Reedley and Selma.

The primary objective of the CDBG Program is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Fresno County's Urban County Program utilizes CDBG to provide a public facility and infrastructure improvement grants program for both the participating cities and the unincorporated area; a housing rehabilitation loan program; a commercial façade loan program; and community-based public service programs.

HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that meet local housing needs and preserve or create affordable housing. Fresno County's Urban County Program utilizes HOME to provide a housing rehabilitation loan program; a first-time homebuyer down payment assistance loan program; and an affordable housing development loan program for both eligible Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) and other qualified developers of affordable housing to build new low-income rental apartments and single-family developments.

The ESG Program supports outreach to and shelters for homeless individuals and families, and supports programs that prevent homelessness or rapidly re-house the homeless. The County's ESG funds are

utilized to support these types of programs consistent with regional efforts such as the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) and other efforts to address homelessness.

The County of Fresno's Department of Public Works and Planning is the lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and is responsible for administering the CDBG and HOME programs. The County's Department of Social Services is responsible for administering the ESG program and is the County's representative to the regional Continuum of Care. Another key contributor to the information contained in the Consolidated Plan is the Fresno County Housing Authority, which administers public housing programs in the County. While the County's HUD grant funds are not utilized for public housing activities, the County and the Housing Authority are strategic partners in meeting the affordable housing needs of low- and moderate-income County residents, including the development of new affordable housing. All of the activities addressed in the Consolidated Plan are to benefit low- to moderate-income persons in the Urban County area.

All of the activities addressed in the Strategic Plan are to benefit low- to moderate-income persons in the Urban County area. Within that general priority category, needs are categorized according to specific types of assistance, in accordance with HUD's outline for the preparation of the Strategic Plan. The County's programs are not earmarked geographically based on need, as the needs are Countywide within the Urban County Program boundaries.

The County will continue to proceed during 2020-24 to utilize the limited resources received from these important HUD grant programs for maximum impact Countywide, through the activities described in this Consolidated Strategic Plan and further specifically outlined in each Annual Action Plan.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The County continues to face affordable housing and community development needs Countywide. The County strives to meet the needs of the low- and moderate-income residents and communities through the implementation of activities that will assist the homeless, preserve, increase and improve affordable housing, and provide community development activities that improve and sustain livability. The County will continue to provide programs and activities that have the greatest impact given the limited resources available.

Housing Needs (See NA-10)

The specific areas of priority needs are housing activities that preserve, increase and improve affordable housing for very low and low- to moderate-income households, and Community Development activities to improve and sustain livability for low- and moderate-income persons in neighborhoods and communities.

Public Housing (See NA-35)

Public housing needs identified by the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) include the provision of additional public housing units and funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. In Fresno County there are over 15,000 families on the public housing waiting list and over 25,000 families on the voucher interest list. Additionally, there is a need for the construction and rehabilitation of new affordable housing units with emphasis on households with five or more members, the elderly and the disabled.

Homeless Needs (See NA-40)

Homeless needs include increasing the number of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, providing essential services to shelter residents, and rapid re-housing homeless individuals and families.

Non-Homeless Special Needs (See NA-45)

The County's primary non-homeless special needs populations are the elderly and the physically disabled. The greatest need of these populations identified is for affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing. The majority of seniors and disabled households also require repairs and/or modifications to their homes as accommodation features. Fixed incomes frequently prohibit such repairs and modifications from occurring.

Non-Housing Community Development Needs (See NA-50)

There are critical needs for public facility and infrastructure improvements in the County's unincorporated area communities and partner cities. Public facilities and infrastructure in these smaller communities and cities is aged and deteriorating. The most significant needs include water and sewer systems, storm drainage, wastewater treatment facilities, street and sidewalk improvements and street lighting. There is also a need for new and/or improved neighborhood parks, senior centers, community centers, and fire stations. Existing public facilities and infrastructure are also in need of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-required improvements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The County is responsible for ensuring compliance with all rules and regulations associated with the three HUD entitlement grant programs: CDBG, HOME and ESG. The County's Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) have provided the specific details about the projects and programs completed over the past five years. The County's CAPERs and annual performance evaluations by HUD have always been satisfactory. The County maintains an exemplary status in administering its HUD grant programs and has been recognized for its ability to utilize CDBG &

HOME grant funds to meet and exceed established goals. The County continues to evaluate its programs and performance on a regular basis to achieve maximum efficiency and impact.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The County's citizen participation process is guided by its Housing and Community Development Citizen Participation Plan. The Plan describes the process by which citizens may become involved in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and specifies the activity selection process for funding under the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

In order to encourage citizen participation in the process of developing the Consolidated Plan, the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning and Department of Social Services conducted a series of meetings around the County, within the participating cities and the unincorporated area communities. These meetings occurred during the summer and fall of 2019. All residents, non-profit groups, and public agencies were encouraged to attend the community meetings to provide input regarding community needs related to homeless services, affordable housing, and community development.

Additionally, the County's Public Works and Planning staff consulted with individuals and agencies with whom it collaborates in implementing its CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Those included the Fresno County Housing Authority, the Department of Social Services, the FMCoC, special districts and other community partners.

5. Summary of public comments

Feedback from the public at meetings throughout the County and through collaborations with other entities, were collected through the County's Consolidated Planning process. These comments were incorporated into the Consolidated Plan. The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding its Consolidated Plan once published for the required 30-day comment period.

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

The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding the published Consolidated Plan.

7. Summary

The County will utilize its annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a variety of eligible programs and activities over the five-year Consolidated Planning period (2020-2024), to address the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. All programs and activities funded with the Federal grants from HUD are

designed to most efficiently address priority needs, utilizing the grant funds available to address as many needs and serve as many residents as possible. The County and its partners consider these programs and activities to be the best utilization of these limited grant funds to meet the ongoing needs within the Urban County program area related to affordable housing, community development and homelessness.

The County currently has no other funding resources available to meet these priority needs. All programs and activities funded with the Federal grants from HUD are designed to most efficiently address priority needs utilizing the declining grant funds available to address as many needs and serve as many residents as possible.

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The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	FRESNO COUNTY	Public Works & Planning, Community Development
HOME Administrator	FRESNO COUNTY	Public Works & Planning, Community Development
ESG Administrator	FRESNO COUNTY	Department of Social Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division, is the Lead Agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant programs. The Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division administers the CDBG and HOME Programs, and the Department of Social Services administers the ESG Program.

The Consolidated Plan is prepared by the Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division staff, with collaboration from the Department of Social Services staff regarding ESG and social services. The Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division, is also responsible for the preparation of the Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), with similar collaboration from the Department of Social Services.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

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 Department of Social Services (DSS) is the primary social service agency in the community and along with the Department of Behavioral Health, are participants in the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). As members of the FMCoC, DSS works with community partners to develop and coordinate efforts to assist individuals throughout Fresno County. As a result, DSS were able to acquire a limited number of Housing Choice Vouchers from the local Housing Authority for homeless families and are committed to the continued coordination to benefit those in need.

Through FMCoC membership, there is opportunity to build relationships with various organizations and agencies that would otherwise be out of reach. With the continued expansion of FMCoC membership, DSS is able to receive input from local housing developers as well as hospitals and clinics. Additionally, through the Coordinated Entry System, individuals are assessed, and assisted in connecting with local social services, physical, and mental health providers to begin receiving any necessary services to meet their needs.

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.

The County, through the Department of Social Services (DSS), is an active member of the FMCoC and currently serves on the Board of Directors as a Regional Representative. As a part of the Board of Directors, the County is able to play a larger role in the efforts to end homelessness by helping develop homeless services outside of ESG-specific activities. Collaboration with the FMCoC takes place on all homeless-related activities performed within the County; no changes are made without first consulting the FMCoC. Through monthly meetings, members meet to discuss barriers that the homeless face and come up with ways to overcome these issues.

The County continues to collaborate with the FMCoC to refine the community's Coordinated Entry System through the collective work of the coordinated entry subcommittee. The County, using ESG funding, currently contracts with vendors to provide services that benefit the FMCoC as a whole, such as rapid rehousing funds, an emergency shelter, a housing matcher, and a community coordinator.

As a participant in the Built for Zero campaign, the FMCoC is focused on ending chronic and veteran homelessness. FMCoC members have attended various Built for Zero workshops and have been tasked with optimizing local housing resources by putting proven strategies to work in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies in our community.

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

As a participating member of the FMCoC, the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) meets regularly with the FMCoC to discuss current homeless needs and plans for services that will address barriers faced by the homeless population. The County consults the FMCoC when selecting services to provide with ESG funds and solicits the FMCoC's input during the provider selection process. All proposed ESG services are presented to the FMCoC Board of Directors for discussion and recommendation. Recommendations are then moved to the FMCoC general membership for approval. With FMCoC involvement, policies and procedures for HMIS and homeless programs have been established and are reevaluated regularly. The County's current performance standards, and policies and procedures are being updated in partnership with the FMCoC this year to align them with the coordinated entry requirements identified by HUD.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Fresno County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services-Housing Services-Homeless Services-Fair Housing Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County staff met with the Housing Authority of Fresno County. Relevant sections of the Consolidated Plan were reviewed, and information was provided by the Housing Authority of Fresno County.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno County, Department of Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Homeless Services-Fair Housing Services-Victims Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs-Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs-Families with Children Homeless Needs-Veterans Homeless Needs-Unaccompanied Youth

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Fresno County's Department of Social Services administers the ESG program and provided responses to sections regarding homelessness within the jurisdiction. This information was used to develop recommendations for the plan, which were taken to the FMCoC for approval. The Department continues to work with the FMCoC to ensure that the services administered by the County and the FMCoC are coordinated to develop a cohesive strategy for the community.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Community Members Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of 19 citizen members, appointed to the Committee by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, to annually review applications for CDBG funds for public facility and infrastructure improvements, and score the projects submitted. Based on the scoring by the Committee, County staff prepares a draft funding order list for unincorporated area infrastructure improvements, which is recommended by the Committee to the Board of Supervisors.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Consolidated Plan Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business Leaders Community Members
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Consolidated Plan Committee consists of the members of the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, and representatives from each of the six participating cities in the Urban County program. The Committee holds a public hearing annually to review the draft Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan, to provide comments and allow members of the public to provide comments, and to recommend approval of the Plan by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Fowler
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Fowler City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kerman
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Kerman City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kingsburg
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Kingsburg City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Mendota
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Mendota City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Reedley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Reedley City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Selma
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Selma City Council, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the City and its citizens regarding City priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the City during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the City's ongoing housing and community development needs.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Biola Community Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Biola Community Services District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Caruthers Community Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Caruthers Community Services District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Del Rey Community Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Del Rey Community Services District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Laton Community Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Laton Community Services District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Malaga County Water District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Malaga County Water District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Sierra Oaks Senior Citizens Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a meeting before the Sierra Oak Senior Citizens Association (SOSCA) Board, including senior center participants, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input regarding the priority needs of the area senior citizens to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the SOSCA during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the ongoing priority needs of the SOSCA.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverdale Public Utility District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Riverdale Public Utility District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Tranquillity Public Utility District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Tranquillity Public Utility District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Lanare Community Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government-Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County held a public meeting before the Lanare Community Services District Board, provided a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and programs funded through the HUD entitlement grants, and requested input from the District and residents regarding District and community priority needs to be included in the new Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to consult with the District and community residents during the Consolidated Plan period, to continue to prioritize the District and community's ongoing housing and community development needs.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno Madera Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Homeless Services-Victims Services-Education Services-Health Other government-Federal Other government-County Other government-Local Other-Faith Based Organization Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless Homeless Needs-Families with children Homelessness Needs-Veterans Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The FMCoC membership includes faith-based organizations, government entities, domestic violence shelters, mental health and substance abuse service providers, school districts, veterans’ organizations, and other homeless service providers. As a participating member of the FMCoC, the County Department of Social Services (DSS) meets regularly with the FMCoC to discuss current homeless needs and integrate plans for services to alleviate barriers for the homeless population. The County coordinates with the FMCoC when selecting services to provide through ESG funds and solicits their input during the provider selection process. All proposed ESG expenditures are presented to the FMCoC Board of Directors for discussion and recommendations and are then presented to the general membership for approval. With FMCoC involvement, policies and procedures for the coordinated entry system and other homeless programs/tools have been established and are reevaluated regularly.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno County, Department of Behavioral Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Behavioral Health was consulted regarding mental health needs related to homelessness. The Department of Social Services works closely with the Department of Behavioral Health regarding these efforts.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno County, Department of Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-Based Paint Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Public Health was consulted regarding lead-based paint abatement. The Department of Public Works & Planning works closely with the Department of Public Health regarding these efforts.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Central California
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fair Housing Council of Central California was consulted regarding fair housing services available in Fresno County. The County utilizes the Fair Housing Council's educational material in conducting fair housing workshops.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission was consulted regarding community development and homeless programs. The County participates on the EOC Board.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was consulted regarding workforce education and training programs. The County works closely with the WIB on welfare to work activities.

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

None

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	Fresno Madera Continuum of Care	The County's homeless goals are in coordination with the goals of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.
Fresno County Housing Element	Fresno County, Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services Division	The Affordable Housing goals in the plan overlap with the overall housing goals of Fresno County, as outlined in the Fresno County Housing Element.
Housing Authority of Fresno County Agency Plan	Housing Authority of Fresno County	The Affordable Housing goals in the Strategic Plan overlap with the goals outlined in the Housing Authority of Fresno County's Agency Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

The County of Fresno collaborates with its six participating cities in the Urban County Entitlement Program for CDBG and HOME, in the planning and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The cities meet annually to provide input into the annual plans, and formally participate in the Consolidated Plan Committee, which reviews and approves the Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Additionally, for Consolidated Plan preparation, public meetings were held at each participating City's city council meeting to receive input from the city representatives as well as local citizens and community groups. The participating cities included Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Reedley and Selma.

Narrative (optional):

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PR-15 Citizen Participation

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.

A total of 16 community meetings were held in participating cities, neighborhoods and unincorporated communities within the County's Urban County jurisdiction from May to October 2019 to increase participation from the public and gain input in the development of this planning document. Every effort was made to broaden public participation especially for hard to reach audiences, with outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. Public meeting notices were communicated through a variety of channels and were also published in Spanish. Publications included distribution of community flyers and postings at public locations within the communities. All meetings were held in Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant facilities when available and translators were provided when appropriate. The feedback obtained from these meetings was utilized to develop plans and goals for the Consolidated Plan. Samples of the community notice flyers are included in the Appendix.

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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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Sierra Oaks Senior Citizens Association	20 members of community in attendance	Needs at the senior center included east wing improvements, kitchen improvements, restrooms, heating and cooling, enclosing the patio, plumbing improvements, a covered structure in the park area, drinking fountains, new windows, an awning to shade the north side of the building, a handicap door switch, and solar power.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Biola	14 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Caruthers	10 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Del Rey	16 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Laton	15 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of social services, housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Malaga	8 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Riverdale	16 members of the community in attendance.	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Tranquillity	4 members of the public attended.	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
9	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Fowler	49 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
10	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Kerman	80 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Kingsburg	13 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, social services, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
12	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Mendota	20 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, social services, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
13	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Reedley	50 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
14	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City of Selma	50 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
15	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of Lanare	8 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
16	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community of West Park	8 members of community in attendance	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The goals of the Consolidated Plan represent the needs of Fresno County being prioritized and serve as the basis for the programs and activities that will be implemented during 2020-2024. All of the program activities funded with the County's HUD entitlement grant funds will benefit low- to moderate-income persons in the eligible areas of Fresno County.

The priority needs discussed in this Consolidated Plan are Housing activities that preserve, increase and improve affordable housing for very low and low- to moderate-income households; Community Development activities to improve and sustain livability for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons in neighborhoods and communities; and homeless services to connect the homeless to appropriate housing interventions, assist with housing search and placement, and decrease immediate and long-term homelessness through emergency shelter and rapid-rehousing.

An overview of priority needs in each of these areas is provided below.

Housing Needs

Specific Housing goals as outlined in the Fresno County Housing Element that are applicable to the County's HUD grant programs over the next five years include the following (in no particular order or ranking):

- Housing Production – Increase the supply of affordable housing to meet the needs of residents in Fresno County's participating cities and unincorporated communities which have infrastructure in place to accommodate new housing development.
- Livable Communities – Manage housing and community development in a manner that promotes the long-term value of each existing and new housing unit and the environment in which it is located.
- Housing Choice – Provide opportunities for a broad range of housing types and densities to meet the needs of all residents of the participating cities and unincorporated area.
- Special Needs Housing – Support other County departments, nonprofit housing providers, and the Housing Authority's efforts to provide an adequate supply of housing and supportive services for persons with special needs including the elderly, homeless, disabled, female headed households, farmworkers, and large families.
- Housing and Neighborhood Preservation – Promote the safety, stability, character and integrity of existing neighborhoods through maintenance and improvement of the existing affordable housing stock and the neighborhoods in which it is located.

- Fair Housing and Accessible Housing – Promote equal access to housing that allows all economic segments of the County the opportunity to purchase, sell, rent, and lease safe and decent housing.

The priority for allocating Federal and other investments for housing activities within the County’s jurisdiction is guided by the goals and objectives of the Affordable Housing Programs operated by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division. The specific primary objectives of the Affordable Housing Programs are to increase the supply of new affordable housing and improve the condition of existing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

Community Development Needs

The County’s Community Development needs have been prioritized by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in cooperation with the Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, and are also contained within the County’s adopted Citizen Participation Plan. The following is a list of the high, medium and lower priority Community Development (non-housing) activities, which primarily fall within the category of public facility and infrastructure improvements:

High Priority Activities:

- Economic Development
- Health and Safety
- Fire Protection

Medium Priority Activities:

- Water System Improvements
- Sanitary Sewer System Improvements
- Storm Drainage Improvements
- Other Public Works Improvements (i.e. streets, sidewalks, street lighting)

Low Priority Activities:

- Neighborhood Facilities
- Parks and Recreation
- Historical Facilities
- Americans with Disability Act Improvements

Typically infrastructure projects involve a major investment of funds, as within the small rural communities much of the infrastructure is aged and deteriorated beyond repair. Often, the needed infrastructure project involves major construction of whole new systems. In meetings held with

communities and cities for development of the Consolidated Plan, basic infrastructure needs continued to be a very high priority for most of the small communities.

Homeless Needs and Non-Homeless Special Needs

The needs of these populations are addressed by the County with activities funded through the Department of Social Services utilizing the Emergency Solutions Grant funds and other State and Federal funds. These activities and programs are aligned with the priorities of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care as noted more specifically below.

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NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

All of the program activities funded with County entitlement funds benefit low- to moderate-income persons in the eligible areas of Fresno County. Within that general priority category, strategies for assisting specific needs are further categorized based on the goals, objectives and policies set forth in the County's Housing Element of its General Plan. The specific areas of priority needs discussed in this Strategic Plan are Housing activities that preserve, increase and improve affordable housing for very low and low- to moderate-income households, and Community Development activities to improve and sustain livability for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons in neighborhoods and communities.

The goals outlined in the Regional Housing Element are as follows:

New Housing Development – Facilitate and encourage the provision of a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of residents.

Affordable Housing – Encourage and facilitate the development of affordable housing.

Housing and Neighborhood Conservation – Improve and maintain the quality of housing and residential neighborhoods.

Special Needs Housing – Provide a range of housing types and services to meet the needs of individuals and households with special needs.

Fair and Equal Housing Opportunities – Promote housing opportunities for all residents regardless of age, race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, disability, or economic level.

Energy Conservation and Sustainable Development – Encourage energy efficiency in all new and existing housing.

The priority for allocating Federal, State, and local investments for housing activities within the County's jurisdiction is guided by the goals and objectives of the Affordable Housing Programs operated by the County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division. The specific objectives of the Affordable Housing Programs are to increase the supply of new affordable housing and preserve and improve the condition of existing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Population	250,487	260,902	4%
Households	75,219	78,063	4%
Median Income	\$48,848.00	\$47,027.00	-4%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	7,998	10,083	13,083	6,800	37,225
Small Family Households	2,767	3,626	5,363	2,835	18,018
Large Family Households	1,648	2,435	2,838	1,315	5,766
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	1,498	2,017	2,640	1,547	9,964
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	921	1,723	2,153	1,136	4,441
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	2,313	3,182	3,140	1,519	4,034

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	198	143	113	124	578	34	55	83	10	182
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	262	490	135	90	977	8	104	101	23	236
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	753	974	742	264	2,733	154	191	452	281	1,078
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	2,494	1,774	402	34	4,704	1,374	1,478	1,366	351	4,569

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	334	1,708	2,233	392	4,667	424	855	1,524	1,087	3,890
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	527	0	0	0	527	265	0	0	0	265

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	3,720	3,395	1,375	513	9,003	1,583	1,848	2,008	675	6,114
Having none of four housing problems	1,039	2,800	5,004	2,050	10,893	808	2,016	4,673	3,546	11,043
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	527	0	0	0	527	265	0	0	0	265

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,617	2,035	1,493	5,145	590	790	1,244	2,624
Large Related	1,299	1,390	565	3,254	212	438	786	1,436
Elderly	510	693	339	1,542	957	1,119	866	2,942
Other	527	497	528	1,552	200	184	312	696
Total need by income	3,953	4,615	2,925	11,493	1,959	2,531	3,208	7,698

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,493	897	123	2,513	493	592	554	1,639
Large Related	1,153	474	104	1,731	200	267	141	608
Elderly	379	350	74	803	689	592	501	1,782
Other	429	345	117	891	148	132	190	470
Total need by income	3,454	2,066	418	5,938	1,530	1,583	1,386	4,499

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	888	1,264	670	197	3,019	125	178	316	153	772
Multiple, unrelated family households	140	173	211	149	673	37	117	273	147	574

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Other, non-family households	25	29	0	15	69	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	1,053	1,466	881	361	3,761	162	295	589	300	1,346

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	447	789	1,265	2,501	2,140	2,775	2,096	7,011

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS. Note that CHAS data only provides information on households with children 6 or younger present. The number of households with one or more children, all of which are older than 6 years, is not known.

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

Census data was not available which provided specific information on the number and type of single person households in need of assistance. In Fresno County, it is assumed that a large portion of single-family households are elderly households. An estimated 12% of residents in the Fresno County Urban County area are senior citizens (American Community Survey 2011-2015). Elderly households in all income categories and housing tenure (owner/renter) sub-categories were identified as having priority housing needs. These households continue to experience some type of housing problem or “cost burden” (mortgage or rental cost) that absorbs 30% to 50% of their household income. Housing goals and objectives for this 5-year plan will strive to address the needs of these populations as a priority.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

An estimated 31,775 residents in the Fresno County Urban County area are persons living with disabilities (American Community Survey 2011-2015). Only limited information is available about the general housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities. However, as households apply for housing assistance to rehabilitate their principal place of residence through the County’s Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP), the physical condition of the clients and their needs are addressed, and any accessibility issues are addressed as part of the scope of work for the project.

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problem facing households in Fresno County is high housing cost burdens. Over 41% of all Fresno County households have an area median income (AMI) below 80%, and 61% of those households are experiencing a housing cost burden, spending over 30% of their income on housing costs. The majority of the households earning below 80% AMI and experiencing high cost burden are rental households (60%).

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Among households earning below 80% AMI, small related households and large related households, more so than other household types, experience a housing cost burden greater than 30% of household income.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance.

The needs of children and youth living in very-low and low-income families are also a priority need for Fresno County. This population can be at risk for residing in Fresno County shelters or becoming unsheltered due to a number of factors associated with insufficient household income. The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) has adopted as its priority to focus on decreasing the number of unsheltered families with dependent children. Fresno County experiences one of the State's highest rates of teen pregnancy. Poverty, combined with teen pregnancy, place children or youth at risk of residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered.

Children and youth living in homes with domestic violence are also at risk of residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered. Fresno County has the highest per capita rate of felony domestic violence in the State. Data from the FMCoC shows that drug use and violence were factors in a significant percentage of the homeless clientele. Suspected child abuse, family and domestic violence, dysfunctional and substance abusing families/family members are contributory causes of homelessness.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) periodically releases the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) which provides data on the housing needs of low-income households for specific geographic areas in the United States. The 2011-2015 CHAS data is used in this section to identify any particular racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater housing need in Fresno County.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,059	1,094	792
White	1,828	493	381
Black / African American	38	4	0
Asian	228	77	48
American Indian, Alaska Native	46	44	4
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,882	461	345

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30% .

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,803	2,287	0
White	2,013	908	0
Black / African American	55	14	0
Asian	317	152	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	24	4	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	5,306	1,221	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30% .

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,169	5,938	0
White	1,926	2,272	0
Black / African American	72	104	0
Asian	465	292	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	78	79	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	4,487	3,153	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,653	4,130	0
White	1,041	1,667	0
Black / African American	20	54	0
Asian	152	226	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	27	8	0
Pacific Islander	10	0	0
Hispanic	1,394	2,130	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.

Discussion

The tables above, and chart below, provide a detailed breakdown of the housing problems by four income categories and by racial and ethnic groups. All four income categories demonstrate that Black/African American households and Hispanic households have a disproportionately greater housing need than all other racial and ethnic groups in Fresno County. The greatest numbers of racial and ethnic groups (Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander and Hispanic) that have the greatest housing needs are households earning 50%-80% of area median income (AMI). The majority of Hispanic American households in the 0%-30% AMI income group have one or more housing problems. Overall, Hispanic Americans have the greatest need regardless of income group. The highest disparity for all racial or ethnic groups was found in the 30%-50% area median income. Although Pacific Islanders make up a very small percentage of the population (14 households total), all Pacific Islanders households, regardless of income, were noted as experiencing one or more housing problems. Additionally, 90% of Black/African American households in the 0-30% AMI and 80% in the 30-50% AMI have one or more housing problems.

Percent of households with one or more housing problems

	0 – 30% AMI	30 – 50% AMI	50 – 80% AMI	80 – 100% AMI
Jurisdiction as a whole	76.3%	77.3%	54.7%	39.1%
White	67.7%	68.9%	45.9%	38.4%
Black / African American	90.5%	79.7%	40.9%	27.0%
Asian	64.6%	67.6%	61.4%	40.2%
American Indian, Alaska Native	48.9%	85.7%	49.7%	77.1%
Pacific Islander	NA	100%	NA	100%
Hispanic	82.8%	81.3%	58.7%	39.6%

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NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2).

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) periodically releases the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) which provides data on the housing needs of low-income households for specific geographic areas in the United States. The 2011-2015 CHAS data is used in this section to identify any particular racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater need of dealing with severe housing problems in Fresno County.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,303	1,847	792
White	1,507	810	381
Black / African American	23	19	0
Asian	203	102	48
American Indian, Alaska Native	40	50	4
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,496	852	345

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%.

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,243	4,816	0
White	1,256	1,639	0
Black / African American	55	14	0
Asian	212	263	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	16	12	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	3,642	2,869	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%.

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,383	9,677	0
White	830	3,352	0
Black / African American	14	167	0
Asian	306	456	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	58	99	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,153	5,495	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%.

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,188	5,596	0
White	336	2,399	0
Black / African American	10	64	0
Asian	53	316	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	23	12	0
Pacific Islander	10	0	0
Hispanic	746	2,787	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%.

Discussion

The tables above, and chart below, provide a detailed breakdown of severe housing problems by four income categories and by racial and ethnic groups. American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, Asian and Hispanic households have disproportionately greater severe housing problems than all other racial and ethnic groups in Fresno County regardless of the income group. The greatest numbers of racial and ethnic groups (Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander and Hispanic) that suffer with severe housing needs are households earning 30%-50% of area median income (AMI). The lowest disparity for all racial or ethnic groups was found in the 0%-30% AMI, with only Hispanic populations showing a disparity in this income group. Pacific Islander households had the highest disparity from all groups in the 30%-50% AMI and the 80%-100% AMI.

Percent of households with one or more housing problems

	0 – 30% AMI	30 – 50% AMI	50 – 80% AMI	80 – 100% AMI
Jurisdiction as a whole	66.8%	52.1%	25.9%	17.5%
White	55.9%	43.4%	19.8%	12.3%
Black / African American	54.8%	79.7%	7.7%	13.5%
Asian	57.5%	44.6%	40.2%	14.4%
American Indian, Alaska Native	42.6%	57.1%	36.9%	65.7%
Pacific Islander	NA	100%	NA	100%
Hispanic	74.5%	55.9%	28.2%	21.1%

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NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) periodically releases the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) which provides data on the housing needs of low-income households for specific geographic areas in the United States. The 2011-2015 CHAS data is used in this section to identify any racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater housing cost burden in Fresno County.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	48,511	14,116	11,640	824
White	25,386	5,699	3,936	386
Black / African American	620	127	87	0
Asian	2,350	748	666	48
American Indian, Alaska Native	357	46	88	4
Pacific Islander	0	14	4	0
Hispanic	18,994	7,218	6,731	365

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Discussion:

The Housing Cost Burden table shows that, for the County as a whole, 18.8% of households experience a housing cost burden of 30-50%, while 15.5% of the households experience a housing cost burden over 50%. Hispanic Americans in the County face a disproportionately greater incidence of a high housing cost burden. Within the housing cost burden of 30-50% Hispanic Americans represent 51% households affected. Among the housing cost burden over 50% Hispanic Americans, represents 58% of households affected.

The CHAS data indicates that the largest proportion of all ethnicities pay 30% or less for housing costs (with the exception of Pacific Islander households, which all pay 30% or more for housing costs), which indicates that housing costs are affordable for the majority of County residents.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

Hispanic and Black/African American households in the 0%-30% of Area Median Income (AMI) income category have a disproportionately greater need for decent and affordable housing, as compared to the population as a whole for that income category. The Asian American populations in the 50%-80% AMI categories also have a disproportionately greater need, when compared to the population as a whole for those income categories. Regardless of income category, the Hispanic population in Fresno County experienced one or more housing problems at a higher rate than the County overall. In the 30-50% AMI income category, Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander and Hispanic households all experienced disproportionately greater needs than the income category as a whole.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

There are no known needs not identified above.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

The largest concentration of Hispanics can be found in the western portion of Fresno County. The primary industry in that area is agriculture. High concentrations of Hispanic Americans reside in Fresno County west side communities of Tranquillity, El Porvenir and Cantua Creek, and the City of Mendota. Large concentrations of Hispanic populations can also be found within and around the cities of Sanger, Selma and Kerman.

The majority of the Asian populations can be found in the unincorporated areas in west Fresno County and unincorporated areas east of the City of Fresno.

Many in the Asian community own small farms and are drawn to agricultural areas. The Hispanic community is also a community that predominantly depends on agricultural work; however, they work primarily as farm laborers.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) is the largest affordable housing provider within Fresno County. HAFC works with non-profit and for-profit developers to expand the supply of affordable housing, and purchases and manages numerous affordable multi-family housing developments throughout the County of Fresno. Through the Housing Choice Voucher, Affordable and Public Housing programs, HAFC provides rental housing to residents throughout the County of Fresno, enabling qualified individuals and families to identify and reside in an array of housing options. HAFC owns and manages multiple units throughout a variety of nearly 80 complexes and administers Housing Choice Vouchers. Some of the properties are managed by a 3rd party property management company retained by HAFC. Due to limited funding and high demand, the county-wide interest list for Housing Choice Voucher recipients continues to be lengthy. Currently, the interest list opens to the public once a year for a two-week period from which applicants are selected via lottery and placed on a waiting list. Generally, applicants can expect to be on the waitlist for at least 2 years. The interest lists for affordable and public housing are site-based and vary in size depending on interest for each property but is also substantial.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	663	5,509	31	5,194	0	212	72

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County

Includes cities throughout Fresno County excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno. Project Based includes RAD, for further information related to data sources see "Appendix – Alternate/Local Data Sources".

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	0	7,349	8,667	5,716	8,658	0	9,328
Average length of stay	0	0	6.8	8.2	2.5	8.8	0	10.3
Average Household size	0	0	3.2	2.8	1.0	2.8	0	3.4
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	155	1,152	31	1,090	0	10
# of Disabled Families	0	0	164	2,303	14	2,171	0	48
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County: Includes cities throughout Fresno County excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno.

Data Source Comment: Housing Authority of Fresno County does not collect information on residents who have HIV/AIDS or are victims of domestic violence

Race of Residents

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	585	3,448	26	3,204	0	173	45
Black/African American	0	0	68	1,858	5	1,792	0	46	15
Asian	0	0	25	378	0	356	0	9	13
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	7	129	0	121	0	6	2
Pacific Islander	0	0	3	21	0	19	0	2	0
Other	0	0	8	0	0	72	0	2	0

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County: Includes cities throughout Fresno County excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno.

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	563	2,929	22	2,738	0	143	26
Not Hispanic	0	0	127	3,030	99	2,876	0	95	50

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County: Includes cities throughout Fresno County excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno.

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Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

Public housing residents with a disability generally require units which have been modified for mobility impairments. These units are referred to as accessible units. Additionally, if an applicant or resident has a need for hearing or vision accessibility features, such items are provided through the HAFC's Reasonable Accommodation Policy. In some instances, additional unit renovations may be needed to ensure that units are fully handicapped accessible. HAFC continues to address this matter through the RAD conversions wherein a percentage of the units are fully accessible upon completion at converted properties.

HAFC estimates that there are approximately 15,000 households on the HAFC Public Housing Waiting List and 25,000 households on the interest list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Of those, 21,575 households are on the interest list for properties within Fresno County (excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno). 4,023 households on the interest list include one or more persons with a disability.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher holders

Low-income households receiving public housing or Housing Choice Voucher assistance need access to safe and affordable housing that is located in close proximity to public transportation, schools and other quality of life amenities that offer services designed to increase self-sufficiency and vibrant neighborhoods. It is important that voucher holders have access to units throughout Fresno County in their neighborhood of choice, and that affordable housing options are safe and able to accommodate the appropriate family size.

HAFC continues to focus on efforts that recognize place matters, offering services for mobility to high opportunity areas as well as the recognition that construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing units are both important factors to consider. Preservation of affordable housing stock is a high priority throughout Fresno County as well. HAFC is committed to ensuring equal opportunity, and affirmatively furthering fair housing.

While safe and stable housing continues to be an immediate need, resident empowerment services are also essential. HAFC provides a robust variety of resident services, workshops and trainings to support residents and voucher holders. HAFC also continues to seek funding and grant opportunities for housing subsidies and development for low to very-low income households, including elderly and non-elderly disabled households.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The needs of public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders does not differ significantly from the needs of the general population, safe and stable housing is a common need. There are, however, additional programs and social services provided to public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders.

Discussion

No additional discussion.

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NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	176	14	543	300	184	67
Persons in Households with Only Children	5	0	247	246	240	4
Persons in Households with Only Adults	163	1,774	2,328	350	239	229
Chronically Homeless Individuals	18	578	533	119	71	467
Chronically Homeless Families	0	2	20	4	3	67
Veterans	54	158	302	207	212	208
Unaccompanied Child	5	0	247	246	240	4
Persons with HIV	2	13	20	4	4	467

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2019 Point in Time Count, HMIS, and the By Name List, Data for all of Fresno County

Indicate if the homeless population is: Partially Rural Homeless

Rural Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	5	5	6	3	2	67
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	4	631	768	76	70	229
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0	206	256	25	23	467
Chronically Homeless Families	0	1	1	1	1	34
Veterans	0	56	60	41	42	208
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	5	6	1	1	467

Table 27 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2019 Point in Time County, HMIS, and By Name List, Data for Rural Fresno County

For persons in rural areas who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, describe the nature and extent of unsheltered and sheltered homelessness with the jurisdiction:

The number of households experiencing homelessness in the rural areas has steadily been increasing, with most of them being unsheltered. The percentage of rural households unsheltered is greater when compared to the number of unsheltered in Urban Fresno County. Currently there are few emergency shelters and overall homeless services in rural areas, which contributes to the high number of unsheltered households in rural Fresno County. Within the last six months, utilizing State funds, the County has added rapid rehousing homeless services to rural Fresno County. This is the first of several plans for adding services to these communities.

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

Not applicable.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	252	1,174
Black or African American	61	304
Asian	6	26
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	207
Pacific Islander	5	31
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	179	810
Not Hispanic	164	978

Data Source Comments: 2019 Point in Time County, Data does not include client refusal

Additional Discussion, Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.

The FMCoC acts as the regional planning body to address homelessness in Fresno and Madera Counties. The County of Fresno Department of Social Services actively participates in the FMCoC by attending all the monthly meetings and by serving as a member of the FMCoC Executive Board. Working together, as a regional body encompassing two contiguous counties, the FMCoC pulls all resources and participating

entities together to plan and strategize how best to meet the needs of our homeless populations across its jurisdiction.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

Data from the 2019 Point in Time in the above tables indicate approximately 543 persons in households with children in Fresno County are experiencing homelessness each year, with an additional 20 families experiencing chronic homelessness. On average, these households will experience homelessness for 67 days. With this data, it is estimated that over 560 persons in families need housing assistance in a year.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

As seen in the above chart, among sheltered and unsheltered persons, those who identify as Hispanic/Latino comprise 46% of homeless individuals; while Non-Hispanic/Latino comprise 54% of this population. Specific racial groupings break down as White – 69%; Black/African American – 18%; Asian – 1%; American Indian/Alaskan Native – 10%; and Pacific Islander – 2%.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

As seen in the above chart, sheltered homeless represent approximately 14% of the homeless population. There are over six times as many unsheltered homeless, representing the remaining 86% of the homeless population.

Discussion:

As a means of identifying the needs of the region, a local survey of homeless persons is conducted by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) annually. Although only required to be conducted bi-annually, the FMCoC has committed to conducting the Point in Time Count annually as this survey will allow the community to see the year by year trends and allow any necessary programmatic changes to be made as soon as possible.

In 2019, like most Continuums of Care in California, the overall number of persons experiencing homelessness increased. In the past, it has been difficult to find homeless in rural Fresno County due to limited volunteers and unknown locations of homeless. However, the FMCoC has been able to increase the number of volunteers and has gained insight on common areas where homeless reside due to rural outreach services.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Fresno County is a diverse County that is home to many different racial and ethnic groups and has within it population groups with special needs.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

The elderly (ages 62 and up) make up more than 16.7% of Fresno County's population (2011-2015 ACS) and has been steadily increasing in the past years. Additionally, 37% of households include one or more elderly persons (2011-2015 CHAS). Many elderly persons have housing and supportive services needs. Another special needs population is the physically disabled, who comprise 12.3% of Fresno County residents (American Community Survey 2011-2015).

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

The County works closely with all its partner cities, communities and agencies to identify the needs of special populations in their respective areas. The greatest need identified is the need for affordable, safe, decent and sanitary housing. The majority of seniors and disabled households require repairs and/or modifications to their homes in order for them to continue to live comfortably in their homes. Through partnerships and outreach the County can assist this population through the County's Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP).

Many seniors and disabled households live on a limited fixed income, which results in many seniors and disabled households paying a higher portion of their income on rent. There is a significant need for affordable housing that is accessible to seniors and the disabled. Developments that are built specifically for the senior and disabled populations can provide the specific services that meet the needs of these populations.

The special needs populations require support in several areas such as personal care, health, and mental services. The County offers In-Home Supportive Services to help this special needs population continue to live as independently as possible. The Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging provides an array of services to this population including case management, food programs and transportation.

The County's Department of Behavior Health has recently contracted with several developers to build special needs housing to address the needs of the disabled throughout Fresno County. They have also contracted with several service providers to provide an array of supportive services to residents residing throughout Fresno County.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

Fresno County's Department of Public Health 2018 annual report stated that there were a total of 2,402 residents in Fresno County with HIV/AIDS. Nearly 50% of the people living with HIV/AIDS in 2018 were under the age of 30, and over 75% were under the age of 40. Male cases represented almost all the new HIV/AIDS cases in Fresno County in 2018. Hispanics constitute 51.6% of the total population in Fresno County, but 70% of all new HIV/AIDS cases are Hispanic. Blacks/African Americans constitute 5% of the total population in Fresno County, and constitute 11% of the HIV/AIDS cases.

The County of Fresno is not a recipient of HOPWA funds from HUD.

Discussion:

The County continues to utilize its limited resources to assist the special needs groups as much as possible. The County's Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP) provides loans to low-income households which can be used to address accessibility needs to ensure the residents can remain living in their home as long as possible and preserve the affordable housing stock. All the HOME-funded affordable housing development projects are required to provide accessible units to meet the needs of the community. The County strongly encourages developers to build their new rental units to accommodate more than the HUD required minimum number of accessible units. One recently completed affordable housing development built all first-floor units to be accessible/adaptable if necessary. The County will continue to work closely with its partner cities, other governmental entities, the Housing Authority of Fresno County, and private and nonprofit agencies to meet the needs of the underserved.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The County of Fresno has six partner cities and approximately 35 unincorporated communities and special districts, and the needs for each city/community vary. Most of the public facility needs identified include new and/or improved parks, senior centers, community centers, and fire stations. There are also needs for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance related improvements to existing public facilities.

How were these needs determined?

Public meetings were held in both unincorporated communities and participating cities to solicit citizen input on each area's needs and prioritization of those needs. Professional staff, management, and consulting engineers at the community services districts and participating cities also provided input, based on operational and regulatory compliance needs.

Citizens, neighborhood groups and local agencies submit project proposals to the County for review during an annual open application period. Proposals that meet HUD eligibility criteria under the CDBG Program are presented to the County's Housing and Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for review and priority ranking. The CAC reviews, ranks, and recommends for funding public facility and infrastructure improvement projects within the unincorporated area. The CAC's recommendation is then brought to the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) for final approval. The BOS conducts a public hearing to invite public comment before a project funding order is adopted by the BOS.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

There are significant needs for public improvements for water and wastewater systems, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, street and sidewalk improvements, and street lighting.

How were these needs determined?

Public meetings were held in both unincorporated communities and participating cities to solicit citizen input on the community's needs and prioritization of those needs. Professional staff, management, and consulting engineers at the community service districts and participating cities also provided input, based on operational needs and regulatory compliance.

Citizens, neighborhood groups and local agencies submit project proposals to the County for review during an open application period. Proposals that meet HUD eligibility criteria under the CDBG Program are presented to the County's Housing and Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for review and priority ranking. The CAC reviews, ranks, and recommends for funding public facility and infrastructure improvement projects within the unincorporated area. The CAC's recommendation is

then brought to the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) for final approval. The BOS conducts a public hearing to invite public comment before a project funding order is adopted by the BOS.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The County's need for public services include youth programs, senior programs, assistance for victims of domestic violence, and crime prevention.

How were these needs determined?

The CDBG social service activities are selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process released by Fresno County's Department of Social Services (DSS). The RFP requests proposals for eligible CDBG social services activities that will take place in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County or in one of the County's participating cities. Agencies are asked to describe the problem they are proposing to address, all existing programs that address the problem and the proposed new or enhanced service that will be provided. Agencies also provide examples of collaboration with other institutions and service providers to enhance effectiveness. Community-based social service programs are prioritized based on recommendations by an ad-hoc committee that reviews the proposals. The committee recommends social service activities for funding after approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

Area Based Policing activities are administered by the Sheriff's Department of the County of Fresno. The activities provide a variety of crime prevention activities in low-income neighborhoods and communities. These include crime prevention activities directed toward at-risk youth in these communities.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

There continues to be insufficient affordable housing for low income families in Fresno County. Over 56% of low-income households in Fresno County pay more than 30% of their income for rent, and nearly 29% pay more than half their income on rent. The median home value decreased between 2009 and 2015, and the median rents increased 11% during this same time period. The median home value has increased since 2015. In Fresno, the median home value is estimated at \$250,693. The affordability of housing continues to decrease as rents increase.

Most of the housing units in Fresno County are single family homes (80%). Multi-family rental units only comprise 9% of the total number of residential properties in Fresno County. Thus, both affordable and conventional rentals are in great demand and have long waiting lists.

As a primarily agricultural-based economy, Fresno County consistently has low wage rates and high unemployment, which can be as high as 16% in the rural west side communities that are comprised mostly of farmworker families. While housing costs are not high compared to other parts of the State, they remain unaffordable to low wage and unemployed families. New affordable housing and housing rehabilitation to correct major housing deficiencies for the existing single-family housing stock are critical needs in the County's urban county area.

Fresno County continues to encourage the development of affordable housing and plans to continue utilizing HOME funds to assist with the development of affordable housing. Additionally, the County intends to utilize both HOME and CDBG funds to preserve and maintain the existing affordable single-family housing stock through housing rehabilitation program efforts. These programs are extremely important in addressing the housing market needs.

The following gives a brief overview of the market analysis results, with more detail included in each corresponding section:

MA-10 Units Available

The great majority of housing units in Fresno County are single family homes, with only 9% of residential properties comprising multi-family rental units. Waiting lists are long, for both affordable and conventional rentals.

MA-15 Cost of Housing

Nearly 65% of very low-income households in Fresno County pay more than half of their income on rent. Local rents have increased in response to high demand. Rents will continue to increase until more

affordable housing units are generated. The County continues to utilize HOME funds to assist with the development of additional affordable housing.

MA-20 Condition of Housing

54% of rental properties and 32% of owner-occupied properties have at least one housing condition that needs to be addressed. Additionally, 60% of the County's owner occupied and rental housing stock was built prior to 1980, which indicates that there is high risk deferred maintenance-caused housing conditions, and the potential for lead-based paint hazards. The County's Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program and Rental Rehabilitation Program provide funding to rehabilitate substandard conditions in owner-occupied and rental housing occupied by low- and moderate-income families.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing

The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) operates 663 units of public housing in Fresno County (excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno). Units vary from 1 to 5 bedrooms, and there is a heavy demand for all public housing unit types. Almost all the units are thirty to seventy years old and need extensive upgrades and modernization. The intent over the next several years is to continue to demolish and renovate the existing public housing stock. Often new developments are more sustainable, higher density, and designed to incorporate specific neighborhood characteristics.

HAFC provides stable, quality public and affordable housing to over 11,000 residents county-wide, including incorporated cities. HAFC also provides Housing Choice Voucher assistance to more than 35,000 residents county-wide, including incorporated cities.

Since 2010, HAFC has developed over 2,100 quality affordable housing units throughout Fresno County.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities

A variety of homeless facilities and services were added to the community in 2019. Inventory currently consists of emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens, and permanent supportive housing options. There remains a shortage of emergency shelter beds, as the existing beds have a high utilization rate, and many remain unsheltered. The County of Fresno is supportive of strategies that address the diversion of individuals and families from the homeless response system, as well as the prevention of homelessness for all individuals including families and families with children.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities

Supportive housing and services for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents are provided on a Countywide basis by a variety of non-profit and/or local agencies. Non-homeless special needs populations, specifically identified in Fresno County, include the elderly, disabled, and

large family households. The objective of the County's HUD-funded programs is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary conditions.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing

Significant barriers during the next five-year planning period include the availability of affordable housing properties for sale and the high cost of new construction of affordable housing.

Changes to State and Federal policies have also greatly impacted the availability of affordable housing.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets

The major employment sectors in Fresno County are agriculture, trade/transportation and education/health services, which account for over 60% of the available jobs. However, two of the three sectors' employment is decreasing, as agriculture cuts back due to decreasing water supplies and automation, and retail trade cuts back due to business consolidation, closures and increases in e-commerce.

The unemployment rate indicated for the urban county program area is approximately 12%. There is a need for a more skilled workforce, as higher rates of unemployment are shown for persons with lower levels of educational attainment. The Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board maintains an online database of training providers operating in Fresno County, which is searchable based on occupation, and includes a database of apprenticeship programs.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	67,885	80%
1-unit, attached structure	1,561	2%
2-4 units	4,082	5%
5-19 units	2,572	3%
20 or more units	1,205	1%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	7,546	9%
Total	84,851	100%

Table 28 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	298	1%	782	3%
1 bedroom	588	1%	2,821	10%
2 bedrooms	6,350	13%	10,410	38%
3 or more bedrooms	40,481	85%	13,378	49%
Total	47,717	100%	27,391	100%

Table 29 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Authority of Fresno County - Public Housing Units

	<30% AMI	30-50% AMI	50-80% AMI
SRO			20
1 bedroom	82	17	6
2 bedrooms	113	48	29
3 bedrooms	130	50	37
4 bedrooms	27	29	22
5 bedrooms	8	2	4
Total	360	146	118

Table 30 - Public Housing Units

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County

Housing Authority of Fresno County - Housing Choice Vouchers

	<30% AMI	30-50% AMI	50-80% AMI
SRO	70	6	3
1 bedroom	1081	210	39
2 bedrooms	1514	589	273
3 bedrooms	547	360	276
4 bedrooms	84	78	80
5 bedrooms	20	20	16
Total	3316	1263	687

Table 31 - Housing Choice Vouchers

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County

Housing Authority of Fresno County - Misc. Housing Units

	<30% AMI	30-40% AMI	40-45% AMI	45-50% AMI	50-60% AMI
SRO	0	0	0	0	0
1 bedroom	30	38	55	64	55
2 bedrooms	29	42	26	94	50
3 bedrooms	13	41	23	110	61
4 bedrooms	5	11	6	6	16
5 bedrooms	0	0	0	0	0
Total	77	132	110	274	182

Table 32 - Misc. Housing Units

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

Both Public Housing units and Housing Choice Vouchers are funded by the Federal government. All the units or vouchers are available to low-income households, some of which may be designated senior or disabled units. The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) has also collaborated with the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) in the pursuit of state funds for special populations. Among the most notable is the partnership with DBH in seeking No Place Like Home state funds to address homeless and at-risk of homeless families and individuals. HAFC is also exploring ways of utilizing Project-Based Vouchers as another tool to increase the number of affordable housing units and partnerships with other interested developers. The tables labeled Public Housing Units and Housing Choice Vouchers show units assisted by these two programs.

Additional housing units were funded from an array of sources including Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC's), Federal Home Loan Bank AHP Funds, County of Fresno HOME Funds, Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) Capital Funds, CalHFA subordinate loans, and land donations and/or deferral of impact fees from local jurisdictions. The table labeled "Misc. Housing Units" includes units assisted using these various funding sources.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

In the next five-year consolidated planning period, it is anticipated that as much as 50% of the County Public Housing Units will be converted to tax credit properties under the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program conversion process. These properties will be converted to project-based Section 8 so that the same very low and low-income families will continue to be served. The State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development Department estimates that in Fresno County (all 15 cities) there are 99 housing projects with a total of 6,894 units at risk of no longer remaining affordable. While the data does not identify which of those projects are in the County unincorporated area or its partner cities, it is estimated that most of the units are in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan area, which is not part of the Urban County Program.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

In 2018, the U.S Census reported that the nationwide average vacancy rate was 7% and Fresno had the lowest vacancy rate among the top five largest cities in California at 3.1%. The demand for both rental and homeownership housing has continued. The length of the waiting list maintained by the Housing Authority of Fresno County, and the number of applications received for HOME funding of affordable housing developments indicates that there is not enough very low and low-income housing to meet the needs of the County residents. Additionally, the California Housing Partnership published an update in 2019, "Fresno County's Housing Emergency Update", indicating that "Fresno County needs 35,380 more affordable rental homes to meet current demand." The same report goes on to state that the "lowest income households are disproportionately and severely cost burdened."

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

Most of the housing units in Fresno County are single-family homes (82%). The second largest inventory is mobile homes, boat or RV's. Multi-family rental units only make up 9% of the total number of residential properties in Fresno County. Affordable and Conventional rentals are in great demand as the long waiting lists demonstrate. The demand is greatest for 2- and 3-bedroom units, and units for elderly or disabled persons.

Discussion

There is a high demand for affordable housing in the County as evidenced by the length of the Housing Authority of Fresno County's (HAFC) waiting list. Recent experience with the conventional market indicates a shortage of housing in general.

The HAFC is the largest provider of affordable housing in Fresno County. HAFC is a federally funded agency that administers housing assistance programs to qualified very low-income families, the disabled, and seniors. The HAFC publicizes and disseminates information on the availability of housing units and housing-related services for very low-income families on a regular basis. The HAFC communicates the status of housing availability to other service providers in the community and advises these providers of housing eligibility factors and guidelines to allow the providers to make proper referrals for those seeking housing.

HAFC has expanded the services it provides by building affordable housing developments that are not funded by traditional Housing Authority funds. The HAFC has been successful in obtaining other funds such as Tax Credit and HOME funds to expand the availability of affordable units.

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MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

The data sources utilized in this section include the 2011-2015 American Community Survey and the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) which provides data on the housing needs of low-income households for specific geographic areas in the United States. It also includes data from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on fair market rents and HOME rents.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	268,800	194,600	(28%)
Median Contract Rent	680	752	11%

Table 33 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	7,839	28.6%
\$500-999	15,240	55.6%
\$1,000-1,499	3,626	13.2%
\$1,500-1,999	462	1.7%
\$2,000 or more	197	0.7%
Total	27,364	99.9%

Table 34 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,305	No Data
50% HAMFI	4,714	2,138
80% HAMFI	15,324	7,140
100% HAMFI	No Data	11,301
Total	21,343	20,579

Table 35 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	668	769	956	1,364	1,584
High HOME Rent	668	769	929	1,065	1,169
Low HOME Rent	567	608	730	842	940

Table 36 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

No. According to the California Housing Partnership Corporation (CHPC), Fresno County has the ninth largest shortfall of affordable housing for low-income families in California. Fresno County needs an additional 35,380 affordable homes to meet the needs of its very low-income and low-income residents.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

According to available CHAS data, 75% of very low-income households in Fresno County pay more than 30% of their income for rent, and 65% of very low-income households pay more than half of their income on rent. The affordability of housing is likely to continue to decrease as home values increase. Local rents continue to increase in response to the demand. It is expected that until more affordable housing units are generated, rents will continue to increase.

Additionally, if low income families are unable to increase their income to keep pace with rising rent prices, they will lose purchasing power and be forced into substandard housing as the only housing choice that is affordable.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

Area Median Rent is significantly higher than either HOME rents or Fair Market Rents. Due to this fact, the County's strategy is to encourage the development of multi-family or senior apartments with HOME funds to increase the supply of affordable housing units.

Discussion

The tables above indicate that over 55% of households in Fresno County pay between \$500 and \$999 for rent, and an additional 28% pay less than \$500 for rent. The fact that 22% of residents in Fresno County live below the poverty line (ACS 2012-2016) only magnifies the need for additional affordable housing. Fresno County will continue to encourage the development of low-income rental housing.

Fresno County's homeownership rate is 63%, which is higher than the State average of 54%. Fresno County will utilize its HOME funds to increase the homeownership rate by providing down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. It is also imperative that the preservation of units be considered, which is why both CDBG and HOME funds are used for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units. Fresno County's Affordable Housing Programs focus on increasing the number of affordable housing units and preserving the current housing stock.

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MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

The County will make CDBG and HOME funds available to assist non-homeless special needs populations to remain housed and/or provide opportunities and tools to access the services needed to maintain an independent, quality lifestyle. Non-homeless special-needs populations identified for Fresno County include the elderly, disabled, and large family households. The specific objective identified is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary housing. This will be accomplished by providing housing assistance for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. Additionally, for those who need affordable housing, the County will continue to provide HOME funds to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or other eligible affordable housing developers for the continued development of affordable rental housing.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs.

Supportive housing and services for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents are provided on a County-wide basis by a variety of non-profit and/or local agencies. Non-homeless special needs populations identified for Fresno County include the elderly, disabled and large family households. The specific objective identified is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary housing. This will primarily be accomplished by providing housing assistance for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. Additionally, for those who need affordable housing, the County will continue to provide HOME funds to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and to other developers for the continued development of affordable housing. All the developments are required to provide an array of supportive/social services to the residents such as English as a Second Language classes (ESL), computer classes or tutoring.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.

An inventory of facilities that provide services for non-homeless persons with special needs is provided below. The inventory focuses specifically on sub-populations: persons with AIDS and related diseases, alcohol and other drug abuse problems, developmentally disabled persons, and the elderly. The population is provided an array of services, including case management and referrals by Fresno County's Department of Behavioral Health.

Inventory of facilities providing services for non-homeless persons with special needs.

FRAIL ELDERLY

The Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) – www.fmaaa.org: In addition to providing a list of assisted subsidized housing, FMAAA offers an extensive website of senior services. Available subsidized assisted-living housing facilities provide either studios or one-bedroom units that may include meals, transportation, security, housekeeping services, call systems, and assisted living.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Central Valley Regional Center – www.cvrc.org: Provides diagnosis, evaluation, and case management to developmentally disabled residents. Through the coordination of a developmentally disabled agency resource directory, the Center can arrange a variety of services for the developmentally disabled residents in Fresno County and the surrounding area. Any time a client cannot be placed in Fresno County, the CVRC can place the client through its statewide network of 26 regional centers. CVRC also maintains an extensive website of information for Elderly Residential Care.

Central Star Behavioral Health – www.starsinc.com: Works with children, adolescents, and adults who face emotional, behavioral, and other challenges to equip them to manage their past experiences in a healthy way. Central Star Behavioral Health provides mental health services for children and their families in Fresno County, ages birth to 21-years, in the Fresno County Child Welfare system.

Mental Health Systems – www.mhsinc.com: Fresno IMPACT program serves individuals who need more intensive services and have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or substance abuse disorder and have accessed the emergency response system at a higher than average rate.

Turning Point of Central California – www.tpocc.org: Offers residential drug & alcohol services, outpatient services, adult and child mental health services, intellectually disabled services, employment services & housing programs.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE

Maroa House – www.roadtorehab.com: A Christian live-in home for men seeking help from drug and alcohol abuse. The program lasts one year and includes after care counseling.

Fresno County Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. – www.hispaniccommission.org: Provides a 3-month to 1-year in-patient program for first and second time DUI offenders. The program also provides outpatient treatment for persons with alcohol abuse only.

Fresno Rescue Mission – www.fresnorm.org: Provides a 1-year residential program with six months spent in transitional housing. The program is for men impacted by homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and physical and mental abuse.

Salvation Army – fresnoarc.salvationarmy.org: Provides shelter, medical care, counseling, vocational training and social services to help men recover from alcohol and other social handicaps. Offers

housing, work, and group/individual therapy to prepare men with a substance abuse problem to be rehabilitated and return to society with gainful employment.

Sierra Tribal Consortium – sierratribal.org: Provides a 90 day and nine-month treatment and recovery program for Native Americans, including individual treatment plans to promote healing. Applicants must be able to provide documentation of their American Indian ancestry.

VA Medical Center, Chemical Dependency Treatment Program – fresno.va.gov: Veteran-centered care providing assessment, diagnosis and treatment for successful recovery from addiction. Provides a 16-week outpatient program that includes relapse mode to individuals ages 25-70, in a group therapy setting. Emphasis is placed on relapse prevention, behavioral skills training and motivational training.

Fresno First CalWorks – mhsinc.org: Provides substance abuse services to eligible female CalWorks clients in Fresno County’s rural areas.

Family and Youth Alternatives – mhsinc.org: Offers substance abuse treatment through Juvenile Drug Court and Post-Release Outpatient (court-ordered programs) and Outpatient Drug Free (available to any adolescent wanting to attend).

WestCare California – westcare.com: Provides substance abuse programs including outpatient and residential sober living programs.

Kings View Behavioral Health – kingsview.org: Serving rural communities, provides behavioral health and social services to those with limited resources in the road to recovery from drugs and alcohol.

Baart Programs – baartprograms.com/baart-e-street: Provides medically assisted treatment for opioid addiction.

AIDS AND RELATED DISEASES

The Living Room – westcare.com: Provides a drop-in advocacy and referral center for persons with HIV, AIDS, and AIDS-related illnesses. Services include case management, food pantry, housing opportunities for people with AIDS (HOPWA), and linkage to medical care.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e).

The County will continue to use its Federal resources in collaboration with other compatible resources that may be provided to the County in the coming year to support and fund eligible activities that advance HUD’s objectives for the CBDG, HOME and ESG Programs.

The County's Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division will continue to administer the Urban County Program. The Community Development Division oversees project development and product delivery of the CDBG and HOME funds and is also charged with seeking other outside funding sources to supplement CDBG and HOME for the various eligible activities. The Affordable Housing Programs administered by the Division is the umbrella program for all housing activities, and includes activities such as Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, Homebuyer Assistance, and Affordable Housing Development. All affordable housing developments funded with County funds must ensure that a portion of the units are accessible units. Housing rehabilitation assistance includes physical home improvements designed to assist the elderly, frail elderly, and the disabled to live independently in their homes.

During the next five years the County intends to fund developments that increase the number of low-income rental housing for the elderly.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2)).

The County will continue to use its Federal resources in collaboration with any other compatible resources that may be provided to the County in the coming year to support and fund eligible activities that advance HUD's objectives for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs.

The County's Community Development Division will continue to administer the Urban County Program. The Community Development Division oversees project development and product delivery of the CDBG and HOME funds and is also charged with seeking other outside funding sources to supplement CDBG and HOME for the various eligible activities. The Affordable Housing Programs administered by the Division is the umbrella program for all housing activities, and includes activities such as Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, Homebuyer Assistance, and Affordable Housing Development. The County's Affordable Housing Programs are available to all eligible low- to moderate-income persons. Special Needs populations are encouraged to utilize the programs and services provided. These programs and their goals annually are included in the Annual Action Plan.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

As stated in the Needs Assessment, the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) is the largest affordable housing provider within the County. HAFC works with non-profit and for-profit developers to expand the supply of affordable housing, and purchases and manages numerous affordable multi-family housing developments throughout the County of Fresno. Through a wide variety of financing mechanisms including, but not limited to Housing Choice Voucher and traditional affordable and public housing programs, and an aggressive Low Income Housing Tax Credit strategy, HAFC provides affordable rental housing to residents throughout the County of Fresno, enabling qualified individuals and families to identify and reside in an array of housing options. Within the County, HAFC owns and manages a variety of affordable and public housing units and administers the Housing Choice Voucher program. The tables below display HAFC's inventory and housing vouchers maintained within Fresno County.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	0	663	5,509	31	5,194	0	212	72
# of accessible units	0	0	164	0	14	0	0	48	72

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: Housing Authority of Fresno County: Includes cities throughout Fresno County excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno.

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

In Fresno County (excluding the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno), HAFC operates 663 units of public housing. Over half of these are farmworker units and migrant worker units, scattered throughout various cities and towns. Within the cities of Kerman, San Joaquin, Reedley, and Sanger; and the unincorporated communities of Biola, Del Rey and Laton (which are within the County program area), HAFC has 589 units of public housing, with 140 farmworker, and 194 migrant worker units. HAFC has

converted 123 units of former public housing to tax credit units under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program in the last two years. HOME funding was provided to ensure the completion of many of the unit conversions. Unit sizes at each location vary from 1-4 bedrooms, with 2- and 3-bedroom units being the most common sizes. There is a heavy demand for all unit types.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Kerman (including Helsem Terrace and Biola Apartments)	90
Reedley (including Sunset Terrace I & II)	91
Sanger/Wedgewood (including Shockley Terrace, Wedgewood Commons, Sanger Memorial, Magill Terrace, Del Rey Apartments and Laton Apartments)	90

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

Almost all the public housing units are thirty to seventy years old and require extensive upgrades and modernization (roofs, interiors, plumbing, electrical, kitchens, and bathrooms) as well as exterior improvements (landscaping, asphalt replacement/resealing, etc.). Many require HVAC replacements to replace existing and outdated swamp coolers.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

In the County, the intention over the next several years is to demolish and renovate (and in some cases to renovate in place) all the existing stock of public housing as previously described. HAFC maintains a current list of target properties that may benefit from improvements over the next few years, including public housing within the Urban County jurisdiction.

Discussion

Several mixed finance developments are contemplated for development in partnership with HAFC, and may use Public Housing Capital Funds, rental subsidy, Replacement Housing Factor funding, Project Based Vouchers and other available public housing or HUD funds, including Fresno County HOME funds, to accomplish the goals described.

Remaining Public Housing Properties in Fresno County:

- Sunset Terrace I Reedley 20 units
- Helsem Terrace Kerman 40 units
- Biola Apartments Biola 12 units
- Del Rey Apartments Del Rey 30 units
- Laton Apartments Laton 20 units
- Wedgewood Commons Sanger 64 units
- Taylor Terrace San Joaquin 28 units
- San Joaquin Apts. San Joaquin 20 units

H AFC continues to consider the disposition and potential demolition of select low-income public housing properties throughout Fresno County. An approved disposition would allow the subject properties to be disposed at Fair Market Value (FMV) and allow for substantial rehabilitation and /or new construction utilizing low-income tax credit funding. The potential projects could consist of substantial rehabilitation or demolition and new construction of the residential units to preserve their long-term affordability, made possible by disposition from the public housing portfolio under HUD’s Section 18 program.

H AFC anticipates a possible conversion of public housing units to Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) or Project Based Vouchers (PBV) utilizing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

The long-range plans of H AFC include converting public housing units in the County. The major source of funding for the conversion is the RAD program. There is no certainty of the long-range existence of this program so the H AFC has or will be applying for all the County properties to be in the queue for the program. Under the RAD program, the properties are rehabbed and modernized (including energy efficient components) and converted to the tax credit program with Project Based Rental Assistance.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	78	0	31	171	0
Households with Only Adults	51	0	25	39	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	363	0
Veterans	41	0	43	650	0
Unaccompanied Youth	10	0	0	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source: 2019 Housing Inventory Chart
 Comments:

Agencies and facilities providing services to the homeless or those threatened with homelessness.

The following is a list of agencies and facilities that provide services to the homeless or those who may be threatened with homelessness:

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno – ccdof.org: Provides emergency food and clothing.

Central California Legal Services, Inc. – centralcallegal.org: Assist the homeless with legal problems related to health, welfare, and public benefits.

El Puente Emergency Housing: A housing facility for families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

Evangel Home, Inc. – evangelhome.com: Provides temporary emergency shelter to single women and women with children.

Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health – <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/behavioral-health>: Provides permanent supportive housing

for men and women; counseling, advocacy, street outreach, substance abuse treatment, life skills, mental health counseling and transportation.

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) – fresnoeoc.org/housing: Provides permanent supportive housing for men, women and families; transitional housing for transitional aged youth (18-24); Youth Shelter to at-risk, runaway, and homeless youths ages 11 to 17. All programs provide counseling, advocacy, street outreach, life skills and transportation.

Fresno County Office of Education, Homeless Youth Education Services – fyes.fcoe.org: Provides services to homeless school age children. The goal is to provide access to educational opportunities.

Housing Authority of Fresno County – (559) 443-8400 – Provides permanent supportive housing to men, women, families, veterans and veteran families, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; counseling, advocacy, life skills, street outreach and mental health counseling. Housing choice vouchers, public housing and conventional housing programs assist eligible income residents.

Fresno Rescue Mission – fresnorm.org: Provides temporary housing, food, and clothing to men, women, and children; residential substance abuse treatment program for men.

Holy Cross Center for Women – samc.com: Serves as a respite and learning center for women, offering day-care services, laundry services, rest, shower facilities, diapers, formula, clothing, counseling referrals, computers, English classes, skills training, and crafts.

Holy Cross Clinic at Poverello – poverellohouse.org: Serving the homeless and uninsured by providing free medical care and dental services.

Marjaree Mason Center – mmcenter.org: Provides safe house for victims of domestic violence including counseling, case management, advocacy and life skills.

Mental Health Systems Inc. – mhsinc.com: Provides permanent supportive housing for women and children; counseling, advocacy, substance abuse treatment, life skills and mental health counseling.

Poverello House – poverellohouse.org: Provides meals, emergency clothing, showers, referrals, residential substance abuse treatment for men; temporary housing for men and women; advocacy, counseling, life skills, street outreach and transportation.

Naomi's House – poverellohouse.org: Provides temporary housing for single women only, case management, life skills, street outreach, advocacy and transportation.

Salvation Army – fresnoarc.salvationarmy.org: Provides emergency food, some utility and rental assistance, substance abuse treatment for men and women.

Turning Point of Central California – tpocc.org: Provides permanent supportive housing for men, women and families with counseling, advocacy, education, life skills, street outreach and mental health counseling.

United Way - uwfm.org: Provides job placement, financial coaching, and guidance to address health issues.

VA Central California Health Care System – fresno.va.gov: Provides services to veterans and their families, permanent supportive housing, counseling, advocacy, substance abuse treatment, health care, life skills, street outreach, mental health counseling and transportation.

WestCare California – westcare.com: Provides permanent supportive housing for families, rapid rehousing for men, women and families; services to veterans and their families; counseling, advocacy, residential substance abuse treatment, life skills, street outreach, mental health counseling and transportation.

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Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) service providers refer homeless persons to all appropriate and available ancillary services in Fresno County. Some of the mainstream services available through the Department of Social Services include Medi-Cal, CalFresh, General Relief, CalWORKs and various other programs. Persons may also be referred to mental health services through the Department of Behavioral Health. Finally, clients may also be referred to community partners that provide employment and training services, substance abuse treatment, and food commodities among other services. Each of the individuals and families assisted through the FMCoC is evaluated for referrals to mainstream services to address barriers to housing stability and ensure the most basic needs are met along with the appropriate housing interventions.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

The essential housing components of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) are illustrated in the FMCoC Housing Inventory Chart at the beginning of this section. The Housing Inventory Chart is sectioned according to type of housing including Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Safe Haven and Permanent Supportive Housing. It provides housing provider name, facility name, target population, number of family units, and number of beds according to type of bed.

The County's strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness begins with its participation in the FMCoC and continues through its support of activities that reduce instances of chronic homelessness. One source of funds provided by the County to lend financial support to end chronic homelessness comes through its allocation of State funds provided through the California Department of Social Services for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). HDAP provides temporary shelter, housing navigation, and disability advocacy that will provide clients with income to maintain their permanent housing. The County utilizes ESG funds to provide match for HDAP services to enhance the case management and advocacy provided to clients, along with emergency shelter and rapid rehousing services.

The Fresno County Department of Social Services (DSS) has been designated as a lead agency to address the issue of homelessness in Fresno County. As a mandated provider of protective and supportive services, the Department of Social Services will continue to coordinate a collaborative, interagency effort to reduce countywide incidence of homelessness. Current services offered in the community include services to veterans, families, individuals, and unaccompanied youth through State, Federal, and other local funding.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

The County will make CDBG and HOME funds available to assist non-homeless special needs populations to remain housed and/or provide opportunities and tools to access the services needed to maintain an independent, quality lifestyle. Non-homeless special-needs populations identified for Fresno County include the elderly, disabled and large family households. The specific objective identified is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary housing. This will be accomplished by providing housing assistance for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. Additionally, for those who need affordable housing, the County will continue to provide HOME funds to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or other eligible affordable housing developers for the continued development of affordable housing.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs.

Supportive housing and services for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents are provided on a County-wide basis by a variety of non-profit and/or local agencies. Non-homeless special needs populations identified for Fresno County include the elderly, farmworkers and large family households. The specific objective identified is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary housing. This will primarily be accomplished by providing housing assistance for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. Additionally, for those who need affordable housing, the County will continue to provide HOME funds to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and to other developers for the continued development of affordable housing. All the developments are required to provide an array of supportive/social services to the residents such as English as a Second Language Classes (ESL), computer classes or tutoring.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.

An inventory of facilities that provide services for non-homeless persons with special needs is provided below. The inventory focuses specifically on sub-populations: persons with AIDS and related diseases, alcohol and other drug abuse problems, developmentally disabled persons, the elderly, physically handicapped, and persons with severe mental illness.

Inventory of facilities providing services for non-homeless persons with special needs.

FRAIL ELDERLY

The Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) – fmaaa.org: In addition to providing a list of assisted subsidized housing, FMAAA offers an extensive website of senior services. Available subsidized assisted-living housing facilities provide either studios or one-bedroom units that may include meals, transportation, security, housekeeping services, call systems, and assisted living.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

The Central Valley Regional Center – cvrc.org: The Center provides diagnosis, evaluation, and case management. Through the coordination of a developmentally disabled agency resource directory, the Center can arrange a variety of services for the developmentally disabled throughout central California. Any time a client cannot be placed in Fresno County, the CVRC can place the client through its statewide network of 26 regional centers. CVRC also maintains an extensive website of information for Elderly Residential Care.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE

Maroa House – www.roadtorehab.com: A Christian live-in home for men seeking help from drug and alcohol abuse. The program lasts one year and includes after care counseling.

Fresno County Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. – www.hispaniccommission.org: Provides a 3-month to 1-year in-patient program for first and second time DUI offenders. The program also provides outpatient treatment for persons with alcohol abuse only.

Fresno Rescue Mission – www.fresnorm.org: Provides a 1-year residential program with six months spent in transitional housing. The program is for men impacted by homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and physical and mental abuse.

Salvation Army – fresnoarc.salvationarmy.org: Provides shelter, medical care, counseling, vocational training and social services to help men recover from alcohol and other social handicaps. Offers housing, work, and group/individual therapy to prepare men with a substance abuse problem to be rehabilitated and return to society with gainful employment.

Sierra Tribal Consortium – sierratribal.org: Provides a 90 day and nine-month treatment and recovery program for Native Americans, including individual treatment plans to promote healing. Applicants must be able to provide documentation of their American Indian ancestry.

VA Medical Center, Chemical Dependency Treatment Program – fresno.va.gov: Veteran-centered care providing assessment, diagnosis and treatment for successful recovery from addiction. Provides a 16-week outpatient program that includes relapse mode to individuals ages 25-70, in a group therapy setting. Emphasis is placed on relapse prevention, behavioral skills training and motivational training.

Fresno First CalWorks – mhsinc.org: Provides substance abuse services to eligible female CalWorks clients in Fresno County’s rural areas.

Family and Youth Alternatives – mhsinc.org: Offers substance abuse treatment through Juvenile Drug Court and Post-Release Outpatient (court-ordered programs) and Outpatient Drug Free (available to any adolescent wanting to attend).

WestCare California – westcare.com: Provides substance abuse programs including outpatient and residential sober living programs.

Kings View Behavioral Health – kingsview.org: Serving rural communities, provides behavioral health and social services to those with limited resources in the road to recovery from drugs and alcohol.

Baart Programs – baartprograms.com/baart-e-street: Provides medically assisted treatment for opioid addiction.

AIDS AND RELATED DISEASES

The Living Room – westcare.com: Provides a drop-in advocacy and referral center for persons with HIV, AIDS, and AIDS-related illnesses. Services include case management, food pantry, housing opportunities for people with AIDS (HOPWA), and linkage to medical care.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e).

The County will continue to use its Federal resources in collaboration with other compatible resources that may be provided to the County in the coming year to support and fund eligible activities that advance HUD’s objectives for the CBDG, HOME and ESG Programs.

The County’s Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division will continue to administer the Urban County Program. The Community Development Division oversees project development and product delivery of the CDBG and HOME funds and is also charged with seeking other outside funding sources to supplement CDBG and HOME for the various eligible activities. The Affordable Housing Programs administered by the Division is the umbrella program for all housing activities, and includes activities such as Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, Homebuyer Assistance, and Affordable Housing Development. All affordable housing developments funded with County funds must ensure that a portion of the units are accessible units. Housing rehabilitation assistance includes physical home improvements designed to assist the elderly, frail elderly, and the disabled to remain in their homes.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2)).

The County will continue to use its Federal resources in collaboration with any other compatible resources that may be provided to the County in the coming year to support and fund eligible activities that advance HUD's objectives for the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs.

The County's Department of Public Works & Planning, Community Development Division, will continue to administer the Urban County Program. The Community Development Division oversees project development and product delivery of the CDBG and HOME funds and is also charged with seeking other outside funding sources to supplement CDBG and HOME for the various eligible activities. The Affordable Housing Programs administered by the Division is the umbrella program for all housing activities, and includes activities such as Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, Homebuyer Assistance, and Affordable Housing Development. The County's Affordable Housing Programs are available to all eligible low- to moderate-income persons. Special Needs populations are encouraged to utilize the programs and services provided. These programs and their goals annually are included in the Annual Action Plan.

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MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment.

The most significant barriers to affordable housing over the next five-year period will not be public policy so much as the availability of affordable housing properties for sale and the increasingly high cost of new construction of affordable housing. In 2017 it was estimated that there was a backlog of about 2.3 million housing units. California needs to average 180,000 new housing units a year to keep up with the projected demand. In Fresno County, the median estimated home value has increased to \$250,693, which is a 3.6% increase the previous year due to the lack of housing units. According to the State's Labor Market Information Division, the County's unemployment rate for December 2019 was 6.9% which is higher than the rate of 3.7% for the State of California and 3.4% for the nation during the same period. In 2018 the households in Fresno County had a median household income of \$52,629 which is lower than the U.S. median annual income of \$61,937. Although the 30-year fixed mortgage rates are still low, the increase in housing costs due to lack of housing stock and the lower median income has resulted in a significant number of households still not able to afford to purchase a home.

Current changes to State policies have motivated developers and investors to explore the possibility of building affordable housing, however the cost of construction and recent rent control measures have also discouraged private investors considering affordable housing development.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	14,944	35,790	19	47	27
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	7,500	3,897	10	5	-5
Construction	4,482	3,969	6	5	-1
Education and Health Care Services	13,058	5,543	17	7	-10
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,901	1,182	4	2	-2
Information	918	230	1	0	-1
Manufacturing	7,318	6,962	9	9	0
Other Services	2,638	1,661	3	2	-1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	3,495	1,030	4	1	-3
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	8,600	4,477	11	6	-5
Transportation and Warehousing	2,898	3,267	4	4	1
Wholesale Trade	4,491	5,634	6	7	2
Total	73,243	73,642	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	110,700
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	97,985
Unemployment Rate	11.51
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	24.78
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	7.30

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	17,489
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	5,642
Service	9,381
Sales and office	19,876
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	20,042
Production, transportation and material moving	6,817

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	61,607	69%
30-59 Minutes	21,810	25%
60 or More Minutes	5,298	6%
Total	88,715	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	19,322	3,077	11,724

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	17,753	2,512	8,127
Some college or Associate's degree	25,398	2,530	8,661
Bachelor's degree or higher	17,493	688	3,345

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	790	3,535	5,922	11,958	6,803
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,254	3,620	3,645	5,399	2,931
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	7,784	8,964	6,034	13,397	8,003
Some college, no degree	11,278	7,294	6,071	13,061	7,614
Associate's degree	1,130	2,942	2,440	4,836	2,844
Bachelor's degree	879	2,973	4,148	7,210	4,036
Graduate or professional degree	59	1,440	1,596	4,162	2,866

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	\$15,473
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	\$24,432
Some college or Associate's degree	\$30,326
Bachelor's degree	\$50,651
Graduate or professional degree	\$67,019

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS, Table S1501 (See Appendix)

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The leading employment sectors in Fresno County are agriculture, trade/transportation and education/health services, which combined accounted for over 60% of the available jobs in the jurisdiction. While the trade/transportation jobs are being reduced due to retail business closures and e-commerce, the agricultural sector has been significantly diminishing due to the lack of a reliable water

supply and automation. Specific partner cities have a greater dependence on the agricultural sector and have experienced a significant decrease in jobs; resulting in high unemployment rates.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Fresno County's economic base has historically been, and continues to be, agriculture. To remain competitive in the world market, the industry has become more automated and more efficient with research and development as key components to continued success. Expanding the types of value-added finished goods and increasing the integration of the field production, processing, packaging, research and development, and marketing sectors of the agriculture value-chain will generate good paying jobs for the region.

In order to support growth in municipal, industrial and agricultural development, the County must address issues of water supply, quality, conservation and reuse. Investment in regional water infrastructure and innovative ways to address water quality, conservation and reuse are essential to spur job creation.

In order to support the County's economy, local government will also need to support and encourage the development of infrastructure and utilities in areas such as water, waste water treatment and transportation. Enhanced infrastructure linking roads, rail, ocean ports and air will support the movement of people and goods produced in Fresno County as well as attract logistics businesses.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

No major planned local or regional investments are expected to occur during the planning period, however, Fresno County is actively pursuing initiatives to encourage economic development growth. The Federal Government has designated 46 census tracts in Fresno County as Opportunity Zones offering tax benefits for investments into targeted low-income areas. Six of the Opportunity Zones are part of the Urban County jurisdiction. Fresno County will actively use these benefits as well as other economic initiatives to market the County for economic investment to increase job creation.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

The Business Activity table shows the total number of workers and the total number of jobs being nearly the same, with just 1% difference. However, comparing the number of workers in each industry to the number of jobs listed for each industry show some significant differences.

For most business sectors, the table shows more workers in a sector than jobs available in the sector. This indicates that additional workforce training is needed, to prepare members of the workforce for employment in business sectors in need of additional workers.

There are two business sectors which are notable exceptions to the general trend. The agriculture, mining, oil and gas extraction sector, and the wholesale trade sector, are shown as having significantly more jobs than workers. A review of the table would indicate that nearly 22,000 jobs are available but unfilled in these two business sectors, representing nearly 30% of the total jobs in the jurisdiction.

While the industry demographics indicate an unemployment rate of 40% (comparing the total excess workers in business sectors with fewer jobs than workers to the total number of workers listed in the business activity table) as opposed to the 11.51% unemployment rate listed in the labor force table, the need for training opportunities for persons entering the workforce clearly exists. The education attainment by employment status table shows higher rates of unemployment for persons with lower levels of educational attainment, as well as higher percentages of persons not in the labor force.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (WIB) maintains a database of training providers operating in Fresno County, accessible on its website. The database is searchable based on occupation, and includes a database of apprenticeship programs. The WIB is integral in accessing the regional training needs and connecting trained workers with available jobs.

The WIB has also received State funding through Clean Energy Job Creation (Prop 39) and Road Repair and Accountability (SB1) for the Multi-craft, Pre-apprentice Training Program. This Program trains disadvantaged job seekers for a future in construction careers and will develop the energy efficiency workforce required to construct planned infrastructure projects.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The County of Fresno Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was last updated in June 2015, and can be viewed online at <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=19650>. A CEDS update for 2020 is currently underway. The Fresno County CEDS identifies 49 strategic initiatives

focusing on three goals: Increasing job creation, diversifying the economic base, and improving labor force preparedness.

The planned use of CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements in participating cities and in the County's unincorporated areas, during the period of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, will support the CEDS's established strategic initiatives 1.2.1 and 2.1.2. These strategic initiatives are listed below.

1.2.1 Support the pursuit of adequate water supplies for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use. In addition, the County shall explore and support, where feasible, innovative new arrangements for providing additional water as well as encouraging conservation and more efficient utilization of water through cost-effective improvements in infrastructure, technology, water quality, and water reuse.

2.1.2 Support the development of infrastructure as a key component to future economic development.

Discussion

As mentioned, the need for adequate infrastructure throughout Fresno County is great. The types of infrastructure needs vary depending on the region in Fresno County. However, the only way Fresno County and its partner cities will be able to attract additional businesses to relocate or expand in the region would be to have a balance between the necessary infrastructure and the job force needed for that industry. Fresno County, along with the Workforce Investment Board and other partners, will invest in creating the necessary balance to increase jobs in the County to create a thriving community.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion.

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration").

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) periodically releases the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) which provides data on the housing needs of low-income households for specific geographic areas in the United States. The 2011-2015 CHAS data provided information on the percentage of Fresno County's Urban County households experiencing at least one housing problem, and percentages of households experiencing each type of housing problem. However, the information available did not clearly identify for the jurisdiction as a whole, or for individual tracts, the percentage of households experiencing multiple housing problems.

To approximate such a situation, County staff reviewed household information at the tract level to identify tracts with concentrations of a given housing problem. A concentration was determined to exist if, for a given census tract, the percentage of the tract's households experiencing a housing problem was twice the overall percentage of the Urban County's households experiencing that housing problem. As an example, if 9.5% of the County's population experienced overcrowding, a given census tract would be considered to contain a concentration of households with that housing problem if the percentage for the tract was 19% experiencing overcrowding.

Two exceptions were made to the general definition for concentration. First, if a housing problem was experienced by less than 2.5% of the County's households, a minimum concentration of 5% of a tract's households were required to be considered a concentration. Second, because 35.3% of the County's households experience a housing cost burden of 30% or more, a concentration was determined to exist if 53% or more of a tract's households experienced this housing problem (150% of the overall percentage of affected households for the County).

Based on these criteria, concentrations of households with multiple housing problems were determined to exist in multiple tracts covering in the unincorporated portions of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, and in portions of the Cities of Huron, Parlier, Selma and the communities of Lanare and Riverdale, as well as portions of the area surrounding these cities and communities.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration").

There are a few areas in Fresno County with a concentration of racial, ethnic or low-income households. Concentration of racial, ethnic or low-income households as follows: Black/African Americans located in unincorporated portions of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, in the area to the west of the City of Fresno, and in the northwest portion of the City of Reedley; Hispanics in the City of Sanger, in the areas around the Cities of Parlier and Orange Cove, and in western Fresno County (including Mendota, Tranquillity, El Porvenir and Cantua Creek); Asians in the unincorporated portions of the Fresno-Clovis

Metropolitan Area and the surrounding area, and the western half of the City of Fowler and the land to the west of the city.

A concentration existed if, for a given census tract, the percentage of the tract's population made up of a specific race or ethnicity was twice the overall percentage of the Urban County's population represented by that race or ethnicity. As an example, since 6% of the County's population was Asian, a given census tract would be considered to contain a concentration of Asians if the population of the tract was 12% or more Asian.

An exception was made to the general definition for concentration. Because persons of Hispanic origin make up approximately 80% of the County's population, a concentration of Hispanics was determined to exist if a tract's population was 90% or more Hispanic.

For low-income households, 2011-2015 CHAS data indicated that 24% of households in the Urban County had total income below the poverty level. A concentration was determined to exist if 48% or more of a tract's households had income below the poverty level.

Based on these criteria, concentrations of low-income families are located in unincorporated areas in the southern and western sections of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. Concentrations of low-income families also exist south and west of the City of Orange Cove, south of the City of Parlier, and in the western portion of Fresno County.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are frequently concentrated in rural areas near agriculture which provides employment. These areas suffer from high seasonal unemployment and have limited resources available to them at their locations.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Community assets are limited in these areas or neighborhoods, since many of them are rural in nature. Few communities maintain community centers which provide community assistance, such as free lunches for seniors and resources for school aged children.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The County of Fresno CDBG and HOME funds will be used to fund housing rehabilitation for owner-occupants and for landlords renting to low-income households, downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers, and loans to qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other qualified affordable housing developers to assist with the development of single or multifamily rental units for very low- to low-income persons.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Funding

The County will utilize its annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out eligible programs and activities over the five-year Consolidated Planning period (2020-2024), to address priority needs as identified.

The County has additional State funding for homeless services that will supplement ESG funding to increase the number of homeless individuals placed into permanent housing. Meeting priority needs and accomplishing significant program goals continues to be a challenge with grant funds provided by HUD. All programs and activities are designed to most efficiently address priority needs utilizing the grant funds from HUD to address as many priority needs and serve as many residents as possible.

The County has no other funding resources available to meet these needs. All programs and activities are designed to most efficiently address priority needs utilizing the declining grant funds from HUD to address as many priority needs and serve as many residents as possible. However, the Federal HUD funding to the County for CDBG- and HOME-funded activities continues to decline. Since 2015, Fresno County's annual allocation of CDBG funds from HUD has been reduced by 11%. Meeting priority needs and accomplishing significant program goals continues to be a challenge with diminishing grant funds.

Programs and Activities to Address Priority Needs.

The County will utilize CDBG, HOME and ESG funds for a variety of programs and activities designed to address the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The County and its partners consider these programs and activities to be the best utilization of these limited grant funds to meet the ongoing needs within the Urban County program area related to affordable housing, community development and homelessness.

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Funding.

Affordable Housing

Production of New Units

The County will utilize HOME grant funds to provide loans as gap financing to eligible Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and other eligible affordable housing developers for the development of new affordable housing, through its Affordable Housing Development Program. This will

primarily be new rental housing for low- and moderate-income tenants, including senior citizens and other special needs clientele. The County will also fund single-family new construction developments to increase the availability of homeownership opportunities to low-income residents. The County funds applications for affordable housing development on a first-come, first-served basis, dependent upon the securing of the primary funding for the projects.

Rehabilitation of Existing Units

The County will utilize CDBG and HOME grant funds to provide loans for the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied and rental housing units, occupied by low- and moderate-income families, through its Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP) and Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP). This activity includes the abatement of lead-based paint and other health and safety hazards and provides specific improvements to assist the elderly and disabled. This program also provides for a private well to be improved as necessary. The County funds applications for housing rehabilitation on a first-come, first-served basis.

Homebuyer Assistance

The County will utilize HOME grant funds to provide loans to eligible first-time homebuyers to assist with the purchase of their first homes, through its Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP). Homes purchased under this program undergo inspections to ensure the new buyers are purchasing a safe and sanitary home. The County funds applications for homebuyer assistance on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community Development

Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

The County will utilize CDBG funds as grants to carry out eligible public facility and infrastructure improvements for eligible groups and/or in eligible low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and communities. Public facility improvements may include such facilities as neighborhood parks, community centers and senior centers. Public infrastructure improvements may include improvements to such infrastructure as streets, curbs/gutter/drainage systems/basins, sidewalks, street lighting, sewer systems and wastewater treatment plants, water wells and delivery systems, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

Cities participating in the CDBG program hold city public hearings and select their public facility and infrastructure projects for funding, with ultimate approval by the County Board of Supervisors. Applications for projects in the unincorporated area are reviewed and ranked by the Board-appointed Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at public meetings, with ultimate approval of the County Board of Supervisors. These processes are contained in the County's Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Services

The County will utilize CDBG funds as grants to eligible non-profit public service providers, to provide community-based public services in the unincorporated area and partner cities. Applications for these grants are accepted through a Request for Proposals process and are reviewed and ranked by an ad-hoc committee, with ultimate approval of the County Board of Supervisors.

The County will also utilize CDBG funds for crime prevention public services provided by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. The ongoing Sheriff's Area Based Policing Program, established through CDBG, provides crime prevention services and youth programs in eligible low- and moderate-income unincorporated area neighborhoods and communities.

Commercial Rehabilitation

The County will utilize CDBG funds to provide loans for the eligible rehabilitation of neighborhood commercial buildings in low- and moderate-income unincorporated area communities, to address facades and related building code issues, through its Façade and Commercial Enhancement (FACE) Program. The County provides loans up to \$25,000 with no match required, and up to an additional \$25,000 with a one-to-one matching requirement from the private property owner seeking the loan assistance. The County funds applications for commercial rehabilitation on a first-come, first-served basis.

Homelessness

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Re-housing

The County will utilize ESG funds to assist homeless individuals, families and the chronically homeless to move to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Activities include case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services.

Outreach & Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing

The County will utilize ESG funds to assist homeless individuals, including chronically homeless to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Emergency Shelter Beds will bridge the gap from living on the street to living in a permanent housing situation.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

Geography will not play a part in the County's allocation of funds.

The County of Fresno's Urban County Entitlement Program currently includes the unincorporated areas of Fresno County and the six participating cities of Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Reedley and Selma. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis, as designated Entitlement Cities, each prepare a separate Strategic (Consolidated) Plan to receive funding directly from HUD and therefore are not included in the County's Strategic Plan document. The cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger and San Joaquin have chosen to not participate as part of the County's Urban County Program.

Assistance during the program years 2020-2024 will be directed to the low- and moderate-income areas of the above participating cities and unincorporated communities of the County, which comprise the County's Urban County Program.

The basis for allocating investments within the County's Urban County jurisdiction is established by the County Board of Supervisors. Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds within the unincorporated County and the six participating cities in the County's Urban County Program is based on the formula used by HUD for distribution of entitlement funds to participating entitlement jurisdictions as stipulated in the Joint Powers Agreement for the Urban County Program entered into by the County and the participating cities.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Persons with Physical Disabilities Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities) Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the participating cities and unincorporated areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Promote sustainable communities and economic development by ensuring necessary infrastructure exists.
	2	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High
Population		Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly
Geographic Areas Affected		
Associated Goals		Public Services
Description		Area-based crime prevention services, and community-based social service programs to special needs groups, including youth, seniors and elderly persons, and victims of domestic violence.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Assist special needs populations and reduce incidence of crime.
3	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Description	Provide loans to homeowners for home repairs, and loans for the rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Promote safety, integrity and stability of existing housing for low- and moderate-income persons. Improve the overall living environment of low- and moderate-income unincorporated communities.
4	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Affordable Housing Development
	Description	Loans for the development of new affordable housing.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Increase the supply of affordable housing units, particularly for households earning no more than 80% of area median income (AMI) and with units designed to accommodate elderly households, large family households and disabled households.
5	Priority Need Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Low Moderate Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Homebuyer Assistance
	Description	Deferred payment loans for first-time homebuyers.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Promote homeownership for low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers.
6	Priority Need Name	Rapid Rehousing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Individuals Chronically homeless
	Geographic Areas Affected	Fresno County
	Associated Goals	Rapid Rehousing
	Description	Rapid Rehousing of the chronically and non-chronically homeless by providing financial assistance for permanent housing.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Upon review of available resources, rapid rehousing assistance is lacking in the FMCoC and will help chronically homeless with short- and medium- term rental assistance as well as other move-in costs.
7	Priority Need Name	Emergency Shelter
	Priority Level	High

Population	Individuals Chronically homeless
Geographic Areas Affected	Fresno County
Associated Goals	Emergency Shelter
Description	Emergency Shelter for individuals that are in the process of obtaining permanent housing and need temporary housing.
Basis for Relative Priority	Upon review of available resources, emergency shelters are lacking in the FMCoC and are valuable to the individuals receiving services. It will allow individuals to be easily located in the community when they are in the process of locating permanent housing.

Narrative (Optional)

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SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	TBRA for Fresno County is provided by the Housing Authority of Fresno County.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	TBRA for Fresno County is provided by the Housing Authority of Fresno County.
New Unit Production	The long prospective tenant waiting list for current Affordable Housing Development projects demonstrates a great need to produce new affordable housing units.
Rehabilitation	Due to the age of the housing stock and lower income of residents, housing rehabilitation of both owner-occupied and rental housing is greatly needed in Fresno County.
Acquisition, including preservation	The lack of available housing stock has increased the cost of home values. This has made it difficult for low-income persons to purchase a home, increasing the need of down payment assistance.

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

Fresno County

Map of Fresno County

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SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The County of Fresno anticipates continued receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as its anticipated resources over the course of the Consolidated Plan period 2020-24. The County administers multiple programs that include Federal, State, and local funding and will continue to apply for any other Federal and State funds that may become available in the future that would help further the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The Governor has committed state funds that will be made available to local governments and others to increase the number of housing units. Specific funds are earmarked to combat homelessness and the lack of affordability. At this time the amount of additional funding Fresno County may receive is unknown.

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public - Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$2,779,414	\$400,000	0	\$3,179,414	\$12,000,000	CDBG funds will be used for public facility and infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, commercial facade rehabilitation and public services, as well as CDBG administration and housing program administration.
HOME	Public - Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$1,108,704	\$600,000	0	\$1,708,704	\$6,500,000	HOME funds will be used for housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer assistance, and affordable housing development projects, as well as HOME administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	Public - Federal	Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	\$245,607	0	0	\$245,607	\$982,428	ESG funds will be used for various rapid rehousing activities, emergency shelter, and ESG administration.

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

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

The Federal ESG funds received will be used to provide supplemental support to homeless services in the FMCoC. The County of Fresno has recently implemented the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), funded by the California Department of Social Services. HDAP provides chronically homeless individuals disability benefit advocacy as well as housing-related case management and financial assistance. By leveraging the State funding for housing case management, advocacy for permanent disability benefits, rapid rehousing, and emergency shelter, ESG funds can provide the additional financial support for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing to significantly increase the service delivery to the HDAP program participants. The ESG funds also serve as a partial match for the program, allowing the County to draw down available funding to supplement services to the chronically homeless in the community.

Additionally, the County leverages funding from the State through the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), a rapid rehousing program for CalWORKs families, to share the cost of the Housing Matchmaker and Community Coordinator positions in the Coordinated Entry System. Using blended funding to support these positions supports the efforts of the entire FMCoC and enables the dollar for dollar match required by ESG regulation to be provided by the County of Fresno through the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), with any remaining balances to be matched by the subrecipients.

The HOME program requires Fresno County to provide a “match”, which is a permanent contribution toward affordable housing. The County’s match requirement for HOME is satisfied through the County’s waiver of recording fees for housing loans under its Homebuyer Assistance Program and Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Programs, and waived property taxes for HOME-funded affordable housing development loans. These two sources consistently provide significantly more match than is required for HOME.

Additionally, the match requirement for the County has been reduced or eliminated by HUD. The last two years Fresno County has also been identified by HUD as a County in “fiscal distress”, and in the prior three years the County was identified as “severe fiscal distressed”. Per the 2019 match reduction, to be considered fiscally distressed the percentage of County residents living below the poverty level needs to be more than 19.303%, or the per capita income needs to be below \$22,222. Fresno County has a per capita income of \$22,399 and 22.28% of persons below the poverty level.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The County will carry out its program activities utilizing this CDBG, HOME and ESG funding to most efficiently address as many priority needs and serve as many residents as possible. HOME and ESG will be provided with the required 'match' as described herein.

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SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning	Departments and agencies	Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Fresno County, Department of Social Services	Departments and agencies	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public services	
City of Fowler	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	
City of Kerman	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	
City of Kingsburg	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	
City of Mendota	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	
City of Reedley	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Selma	Government	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Biola Community Services District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Caruthers Community Services District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Del Rey Community Services District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Lanare Community Services District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Laton Community Services District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Malaga County Water District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Riverdale Public Utilities District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Tranquillity Public Utility District	Government	neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Sierra Oaks Senior Citizens Association	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public facilities	
Fresno Council of Governments	Regional organization	Planning	
Housing Authority of Fresno County	Regional organization	Public Housing Rental	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County	Non-profit organizations	public services	

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Marjaree Mason Center	Non-profit organizations	public services	
Fresno Madera Continuum of Care	Continuum of care	Homelessness	
Turning Point of Central California	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	
WestCare	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	
Self-Help Enterprises	CHDO	Ownership Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities	
Fresno County EOC	Regional organization	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public services	

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System.

Homelessness needs are addressed by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), the Fresno County Department of Social Services (DSS), the non-profit agencies receiving Federal funds, and the members of the FMCoC. With the FMCoC, various agencies that provide social services can get together and collaborate to ensure that services provided will increase the success of individuals in need. Additionally, various local government agencies can plan the utilization of their State funds to extend current services and implement new services that will assist homeless individuals move into permanent housing.

Gaps in the institutional structure exist primarily due to a lack of funding, however, the FMCoC has been able to garner the support and participation of entities that have previously been hesitant.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance			
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement			
Mobile Clinics	X		
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X		
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			
Food, clothing	X		

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth).

The culmination of the above available services within the County provide homeless persons residing in Fresno County valuable assistance by removing many barriers that would otherwise prevent such individuals from regaining stable housing.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) manages the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. DSS is very involved with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) which includes representatives from

governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, hospitals, and various other groups.

A major strength of the ESG service delivery system is the partnership and collaboration among providers and partners in serving clients. Both Federally funded and non-Federally funded agencies share resources for the good of the clients. There is no possessiveness regarding clients or services. One challenge faced by partners is the ESG requirement of a dollar for dollar match. This limits smaller and new organizations from participating as they usually do not have funding streams that can be utilized as match to obtain ESG. A demonstrated strength in the community however, is that larger organizations which match eligible funds have often agreed to partner and provide the match for community-wide ESG services.

Although the delivery system lacks continuing participation in areas such as law enforcement. The FMCoC seeks to improve upon this in the coming year. The local police department currently has a Homeless Task Force to prevent homeless encampments from forming and often provide verification of homelessness for clients seeking services.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs.

The County in collaboration with the FMCoC continues to work towards filling all gaps in the continuum of services for the homeless by increasing the members and services available within the FMCoC. Additional partners are continually being recruited, with the goal of increasing members from other institutional areas and the rural communities.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$4,250,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25,000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$1,250,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15,000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Service Activities	CDBG: \$2,000,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60,000 Persons Assisted
4	Housing Rehabilitation & Commercial and Façade Enhancement	2020	2024	Affordable Housing, Non-Homeless Community Development		Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement	CDBG: \$625,000 HOME: \$1,400,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 Household Housing Unit Façade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 1 Business

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Affordable Housing Development	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing Development	HOME: \$5,000,000	Rental units constructed: 33 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Household Housing Units
6	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Homebuyer Assistance	HOME: \$500,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted
7	Rapid Rehousing	2020	2024	Homeless		Rapid Rehousing	ESG: \$729,635	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 200 Households Assisted
8	Emergency Shelter	2020	2024	Homeless		Emergency Shelter	ESG: \$420,328	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 750 Persons Assisted

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Goal Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the participating cities.
2	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Goal Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the unincorporated area.

3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public services activities, including area-based policing and community-based social services to eligible recipients, including low-income youth, elderly and victims of domestic violence.
4	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Goal Description	Loans to homeowner for home repairs, and loans to business owners for rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections
5	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Development
	Goal Description	Loans for development of new affordable housing.
6	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Loans to first-time homebuyer for home purchase.
7	Goal Name	Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing Assist homeless individuals, families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street, etc., to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Activities include case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services.
8	Goal Name	Emergency Shelter
	Goal Description	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter Assist homeless individuals, homeless families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Emergency Shelter Beds will bridge the gap from living on the street to living in a permanent housing situation. Activities include street outreach including navigation services, and supportive services.

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 91.315(b)(2).

A total of eight extremely low-income families will be provided affordable housing through the County's Affordable Housing Programs. Two households will be assisted through the Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP), and six households will be assisted through the Affordable Housing Development program.

A total of 18 low-income families will be provided affordable housing through the County's Affordable Housing Programs. Five households will be assisted through the Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP), and 13 households will be assisted through the Affordable Housing Development program.

A total of 38 moderate-income families are expected to be provided affordable housing through the County's Affordable Housing Programs. Six households will be assisted through the Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP), eight households will be assisted through the Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP), and 24 households will be assisted through the Affordable Housing Development program.

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SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

Not applicable. The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) is not subject to a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

HAFC has a Resident Empowerment Division which identifies needs and, where possible, connects residents to available resources. HAFC residents are provided holistic services which include one-on-one case management and group education workshops to adult and youth residents. Resident Empowerment activities empower families by providing opportunities to develop skills for housing stability, academic advancement, employment stability, and wage progression. HAFC works in coordination with multiple community partners to provide direct services to onsite HAFC affordable housing and mixed use/tax credit developments. Youth activities focus on academic development, career awareness, physical fitness, financial education, and other self-development programs to assist them in becoming successful adults. Adult programs provide linkages to resources for education/career advancement awareness, access to job training and Section 3 training and employment opportunities, development of basic life skills, understanding tenant responsibilities, and financial education. Adult program activities are offered for elderly and disabled residents to assist them in aging in place. The Resident Empowerment programs also provide family bonding and neighborhood community building opportunities to assist residents in creating a healthy and safe environment. Resident meetings called “Learning Circles” are held to engage residents, develop resident leaders and discuss issues at the property and the surrounding neighborhood. Local officials and law enforcement are invited into the properties to connect with residents in meetings and events. The annual “National Night Out” event involves the residents and surrounding communities in an annual anti-drug and crime event.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

Not applicable.

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The most significant barriers to affordable housing over the next five-year period will not be public policy so much as the availability of affordable housing properties for sale and the increasingly high cost of new construction of affordable housing. In 2017 it was estimated that there was a backlog of about 2.3 million housing units. California needs to average 180,000 new housing units a year to keep up with the projected demand. In Fresno County, the median estimated home value has increased to \$250,693, which is a 3.6% increase the previous year due to the lack of housing units. According to the State's Labor Market Information Division, the County's unemployment rate for December 2019 was 6.9% which is higher than the rate of 3.7% for the State of California and 3.4% for the nation during the same period. In 2018 the households in Fresno County had a median household income of \$52,629 which is lower than the U.S. median annual income of \$61,937. Although the 30-year fixed mortgage rates are still low, the increase in housing costs due to lack of housing stock and the lower median income has resulted in a significant number of households still not able to afford to purchase a home.

Current changes to State policies have motivated developers and investors to explore the possibility of building affordable housing, however the cost of construction and recent rent control measures have also discouraged private investors considering affordable housing development.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

During the next five-year period the County will continue to exercise policies that promote a quality living environment for all existing and future residents of Fresno County.

While the County has little control over market conditions that can influence and increase the cost of housing development, it acknowledges that local policies and regulations can sometimes be viewed as constraints to affordable housing development. One of the fundamental policy directives of the County's General Plan is to direct intensive development to cities and unincorporated communities where public facilities and infrastructure are already available.

The County continues to promote a wide variety of actions to encourage housing opportunities and housing affordability. Actions include policies and associated regulations designed to achieve desired land use patterns, coordinate development with infrastructure availability, finance capital improvements, distribute the cost of public services, maintain the character of existing neighborhoods, and preserve agricultural lands and open space. The County recently applied to the State of California's Planning Grant to explore changes to the zoning ordinance in hopes of streamlining housing approvals and accelerate housing production. Additionally, the County will explore the possibility of making accessory dwelling units (ADU's) a by right use for areas that have the necessary infrastructure and where increased density will not harm the environment. More detailed information on Land Use Controls, zoning ordinances, building codes and enforcement, subdivision ordinances, and building permits and land use application fees is available in the County's Housing Element of the General Plan. A

printed copy of the Housing Element of the General Plan is available at the Fresno County Central Library Branch.

In the next five years the County plans to increase development and actively work with developers to promote the County's established communities for new construction. The recent passage of several housing laws such as Senate Bill 2 – Building Jobs and Housing Act by the State of California is also going to make funds available for local jurisdictions to access to increase the housing stock. The County's Department of Behavior Health has already applied and has been awarded funds (No Place Like Home – Prop 2 funds) to build housing for the homeless in Fresno County.

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SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

As a member of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), Fresno County collaborates with agencies who perform outreach in the metropolitan area. Additionally, the FMCoC has expanded its services by coordinating outreach in rural areas of Fresno County. The outreach teams are an essential component of services, as they are often the initial contact homeless individuals have with service providers. Continual contact through outreach efforts works to build trust between providers and the community and encourages homeless individuals to accept or seek out the services available to them.

During outreach efforts, the Vulnerability Index – Specialized Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) assessment is offered to homeless persons to assess individual need. The most vulnerable assessed are prioritized for assistance as it becomes available. The County, along with the FMCoC, will continue to encourage the development of interpersonal relationships between the homeless and outreach team members in order to create an environment where clients are comfortable seeking out services.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

It is a priority to continue to support an emergency shelter within the FMCoC jurisdiction. Shelter services are available in conjunction with other homeless assistance services in order to provide a safe location for clients to stay while they secure permanent housing. The County will be partnering with local agencies to provide ESG services during Consolidated Plan Program Years and ensure that an emergency shelter continues to be available in the community for individuals that are in the process of being connected with permanent housing. Additionally, the County has increased the availability of bridge housing and triage centers with the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding that was awarded to the FMCoC.

The FMCoC, the County of Fresno, and the County of Madera are in the process of submitting applications for the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding that will maintain the triage centers and bridge housing for additional years as well as adding more homeless services needed in the community.

The County does not support transitional housing through ESG or through other funding, as research has shown it is not an effective model for ending homelessness. However, limited transitional housing is available in the community through other FMCoC agencies.

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 FMCoC uses an assessment tool for prioritization, the Vulnerability Index – Specialized Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). This tool is uniformly used throughout the FMCoC Coordinated Entry System and helps service providers determine the proper housing intervention for an individual or family. Those found to be the most vulnerable are assisted first. By having a better understanding of an individual’s needs, appropriate housing and case management can be provided to ensure a shorter time experiencing homelessness and that they are able to maintain long-term housing. Homeless individuals benefit from case management during and after the transition to permanent housing by learning skills and connecting to supportive services, such as mental health or substance abuse treatment, necessary to retain housing.

Planned action steps for the coming year include continuing collaborative efforts aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness. The FMCoC’s Housing First model and rapid rehousing services are evidence-based mechanisms that have been implemented in order to shorten the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, as well as to prevent returns to homelessness.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs.

Those who exit from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, that meet the definition of chronically homeless prior to entry, and are income qualified, are eligible to receive ESG assistance in order to obtain housing upon discharge or exit from such programs.

Though the County does not currently fund homeless prevention services, mainstream resources are provided by the Department of Social Services through CalFresh, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, General Relief, and various other programs. These programs provide a safety net to help low-income individuals and families who may be at risk of homelessness to retain their housing. Furthermore, through efficient coordination of agencies and programs through the FMCoC, homeless prevention services are available to those at risk of homelessness in the community through other member agencies.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

All applicants seeking assistance under the County's Affordable Housing Programs for the purchase of an existing house that was constructed prior to 1978 are given a pamphlet on the hazards of lead-based paint (LBP). The pamphlet, *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*, is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). County staff also conducts a visual inspection of the property. If any chipping, peeling, or deteriorated paint is detected, the real estate agent is notified. It is the responsibility of the agent to provide documentation from a certified LBP consultant that the property has passed a lead clearance exam. HOME funding approval is not granted until all supporting documentation satisfactory to the County is received.

In addition, all applicants seeking assistance under the County's Affordable Housing Programs for the rehabilitation of an existing dwelling that was constructed prior to 1978 are given a pamphlet on the hazards of lead-based paint. The pamphlet, *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*, is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For each rehabilitation project, the County contracts with a local state certified LBP consultant to perform appropriate testing, risk assessments and clearance examinations. If testing indicates LBP is present, the consultant provides the County a written report detailing appropriate hazard reduction or remediation/stabilization specifications. The LBP specifications are included as a required component of the mandatory scope of work for the rehabilitation project that is provided to the general contractor overseeing the work. At the completion of the project, County staff along with the LBP consultant confirms the LBP hazards have been remediated in accordance with HUD regulations (24 CFR 35, Subpart J) and supporting documentation is inserted into the project file.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health (DPH), Environmental Health Division was awarded a \$3,000,000.00 grant (effective January 2018 through January 2021) from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) Program to help low-income families remediate lead from pre-1978 dwellings with identified lead hazards. The Lead Hazard Control Program regulated this grant which is subject to Federal and State regulations pertaining to lead hazard remediation and all services must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The Fresno County DPH investigates and monitors all reported cases of Childhood Lead Poisoning. When lead hazards are identified during a Childhood Lead Poisoning investigation, HUD grant funds may be utilized to remediate identified lead hazards to qualified families. Based on maintained records, the DPH

deals with approximately 600 reports of children under the age of six with elevated blood lead levels annually.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

LBP testing is a requirement for all the County's Affordable Housing Programs. All housing units constructed prior to and including 1978 are evaluated for LBP hazards. The County allocates a portion of CDBG and HOME funds to pay for the costs associated with these LBP activities as project costs. The LBP costs are not a part of the client's housing rehabilitation loan.

The County strictly enforces all requirements for remediation of lead-based paint hazards as mandated by HUD in conjunction with its funded programs. Housing assisted under the County's Affordable Housing Programs, including the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) Grant and housing assisted with other non-entitlement grant funds received by the County, are subject to the Lead-Based Poisoning Prevention Act and HUD's consolidated lead-based paint regulation, published September 15, 1999 at 24 CFR 35.

In addition, County staff managing the Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program work with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Program and Lead Hazard Control Program Staff at the Fresno County DPH to remediate identified lead hazards in pre-1978 dwellings by collaborating with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Program and Lead Hazard Control Program staff to offer all County Program services to qualified families.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The goals, programs and policies for reducing the number of poverty level families in Fresno County are directly linked to the County's Economic Development Strategy. It is believed that healthy and sustainable communities are the result of a capable workforce employed in jobs with wages sufficient for workers and families to live comfortably.

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted an Economic Development Strategy as part of its comprehensive update to the Economic Development Element of the General Plan. The Economic Development Strategy provides direction for implementing general economic development growth to the year 2020.

The Economic Development Strategy focuses on three primary goals and several policies to achieve the goal. These goals, and activities to achieve them which are funded by HUD entitlement grants and/or are coordinated with HUD grant activities, are as follows:

Goal 1. Increase Job Creation

Programs:

- The Fresno County Facade and Commercial Enhancement (FACE) Program, was established in 2008 to improve the commercial areas of eligible low- and moderate-income communities and provide local businesses an opportunity for economic growth. CDBG funds are used for the rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections. The FACE program not only creates construction employment in the short term, but the long-term business improvements add to the economic viability and the communities' improved quality of life.
- Fresno County CDBG administrative staff provides information and responds to inquiries for area locations for film and entertainment productions. This activity creates economic investment countywide in addition to creation of new jobs and business opportunities for County residents, including low- and moderate-income families and businesses.

Goal 2. Diversify the Economic Base

Programs:

- The County promotes agritourism as an added-value addition to its deep roots in agriculture. The County uses general funds to promote the County's two renowned agritourism trails as a mechanism to spur economic development.
- CDBG funds for public facility and infrastructure improvements provide a suitable living environment for low- and moderate-income communities, which in turn make these communities attractive for diversified business opportunities.

Goal 3. Improve Labor Force Preparedness

Programs

- The County's Economic Development Strategy includes coordinating the services of multiple workforce agencies to substantially reduce poverty and increase labor force preparedness. Increasing the amount of entry-level and skilled jobs will enable individuals to find steady work and thereby remove them from poverty. The County works closely with the regional Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to provide training and job placement for Section 3 residents.

In addition to the County's Economic Development Strategy, which addresses poverty, the County is the lead governmental body for the administration of the Federally-funded Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The program is administered by the Department of Social Services. More information can be found at: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/social-services/assistance-programs/calworks>

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan?

The investment of Fresno County's federal housing funds into communities contributes to employment and the reduction of poverty by creating construction jobs and helps establish a foundation for sustainable economic growth. Job creation, diversifying the economy, and economic growth are all dependent on increasing the desirability of living, and locating businesses, in the region, which are fostered by improvements to quality of life for all area residents, including improving the affordability of housing and increasing the rate of homeownership. Fresno County's affordable housing programs, which rehabilitate and develop affordable housing and provide homeownership opportunities, establish this necessary foundation.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements.

In addition to referring to HUD-provided guidelines and handbooks governing the Federal grants, the County's monitoring standards and procedures are contained in its own procedural handbooks developed to implement the delivery of the CDBG and HOME programs. These handbooks are periodically reviewed and updated as needed to ensure consistent project and program monitoring and compliance with program requirements, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements.

The County monitors all Affordable Housing Programs clients annually to ensure compliance with HUD regulations. There are over 900 active loans in the County's loan portfolio funded through CDBG and HOME. Each individual client is contacted by mail and asked to verify occupancy and housing condition. The County also selects a minimum of 10% of random non-responsive clients for increased vetting which can include an onsite visit to the property. The County maintains an active database of all its affordable housing loans, so that the loans and associated clients can be appropriately monitored.

The County's large multi-unit affordable housing development projects are also monitored annually. The County requests and receives information from the project representatives (owner, non-profit, and property management company), which is evaluated by staff for consistency with program requirements and HUD regulations. Staff then visits each complex, evaluates tenant files to verify lease appropriateness and tenant income eligibility. Rents paid are also compared with HOME Program rent and utility allowances for compatibility.

Additionally, for the housing development projects, staff annually reviews the development's Management Plan – including tenant selection, participation, and grievance policies – and the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Staff also inspects the finances to compare with the management agreement, and interviews onsite managers for resident complaints. Finally, County rehabilitation staff inspects selected HOME units and the grounds to determine need for repair, and then monitors any necessary work to ensure appropriate completion.

The County maintains a CDBG Program Handbook which contains the procedures the County uses to monitor community development public facility and infrastructure improvement projects. These capital projects are monitored closely by staff through the development process, including site visits, for development appropriateness and labor compliance. The County has also developed a Risk Analysis and Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures Handbook per HUD guidelines, which is used to monitor subrecipients.

The County conducts minority business outreach as a regular part of its affordable housing programs. County staff meet periodically with area contractors regarding participating in the County's Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program and has had success in working with many minority-owned businesses. Additionally, information regarding minority-owned businesses is monitored and recorded as part of the County's labor compliance work effort for affordable housing development and public facility and infrastructure improvement projects.

Finally, the County's Citizen Participation Plan, which describes the process for citizen involvement in the selection of activities to be funded under CDBG, HOME and ESG, contains procedures that are followed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the programs involved, and details the County's comprehensive planning requirements and procedures. The Citizen Participation Plan, approved by the County Board of Supervisors, is updated periodically to reflect County and HUD-mandated changes, as needed.

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The County of Fresno anticipates continued receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as its anticipated resources for the 2020-2021 Action Plan. The County intends to apply for any other Federal and State grant funds that may become available in the future that would help further the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The County is hopeful that the States recent housing policies will increase the amount of state funds available to the County to assist in providing additional housing to the residents of Fresno County.

Additionally, the County administers State allocations for four homeless services programs for individuals, families, child welfare families, and the disabled, and four additional State grants to provide homeless services as the administrative entity for the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). The County recently submitted applications on behalf of both the County and the FMCoC for additional State funding to serve the homeless and will continue to seek out funds that may become available to help further the goals of the FMCoC and the Consolidated Plan. ESG funds are always utilized in a manner which leverages the resources of the community to make the greatest impact to those in need.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$2,779,414	\$400,000	0	\$3,179,414	\$12,000,000	CDBG funds will be used for public facility and infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, commercial facade rehabilitation and public services, as well as CDBG administration and housing program administration.
HOME	Public - Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$1,108,704	\$600,000	0	\$1,708,704	\$6,500,000	HOME funds will be used for housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer assistance, and affordable housing development projects, as well as HOME administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	Public - Federal	Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	\$245,607	0	0	\$245,607	\$982,428	ESG funds will be used for various rapid rehousing activities, emergency shelter, and ESG administration.

Table 54 - 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.

The Federal ESG funds received will be used to provide supplemental support to homeless services in the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). The County of Fresno has recently implemented the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), funded by the California Department of Social Services. HDAP provides chronically homeless individuals disability benefit advocacy as well as housing-related case management and financial assistance. By leveraging the State funding for housing case management, advocacy for permanent disability benefits, rapid rehousing, and emergency shelter, ESG funds are able to provide the additional financial support for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing to significantly increase the service delivery to the HDAP program participants. The ESG funds also serve as a partial match for the program, allowing the County to draw down available funding to supplement services to the chronically homeless in the community.

Additionally, the County leverages funding from the State through the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), a rapid rehousing program for CalWORKs families, to share the cost of the Housing Matchmaker and Community Coordinator positions in the Coordinated Entry System. Using blended funding to support these positions supports the efforts of the entire FMCoC and enables the dollar for dollar match required by ESG regulation to be provided by the County of Fresno through the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), with any remaining balances to be matched by the subrecipients.

The HOME program requires Fresno County to provide a “match”, which is a permanent contribution toward affordable housing. The County’s match requirement for HOME is satisfied through the County’s waiver of recording fees for housing loans under its Homebuyer Assistance Program and Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Programs, and waived property taxes for HOME-funded affordable housing development loans. These two sources consistently provide significantly more match than is required for HOME.

Additionally, the match requirement for the County has been reduced or eliminated by HUD. The last two years Fresno County has also been identified by HUD as a County in “fiscal distress”, and in the prior three years the County was identified as being in “severe fiscal distress”. Per the 2019 match reduction, to be considered fiscally distressed the percentage of County residents living below the poverty level needs to be more than 19.303%, or the per capita income needs to be below \$22,222. Fresno County has a per capita income of \$22,399 and 22.28% of persons below the poverty level.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The County will carry out its program activities utilizing this CDBG, HOME and ESG funding to most efficiently address as many priority needs and serve as many residents as possible. HOME and ESG will be provided with the required "match" as described herein.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$873,569	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$250,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3,000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Service Activities	CDBG: \$416,912	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12,000 Persons Assisted
4	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement	CDBG: \$128,672 HOME: \$287,834	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Units
5	Affordable Housing Development	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing Development	HOME: \$1,150,000	Rental units constructed: 11 Household Housing Units

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Homebuyer Assistance	HOME: \$100,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Household Assisted
7	Rapid Rehousing	2020	2024	Homeless		Rapid Rehousing	ESG: \$110,707	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted
8	Emergency Shelter	2020	2024	Homeless		Emergency Shelter	ESG: \$125,600	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing: 150 Persons Assisted

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Goal Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the participating cities.
2	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Goal Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the unincorporated area.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public services activities, including area-based policing and community-based social services to eligible recipients, including low-income youth and victims of domestic violence.
4	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Goal Description	Loans to homeowner for home repairs, and loans to business owners for rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections

5	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Development
	Goal Description	Loans for development of new affordable housing.
6	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Loans to first-time homebuyer for home purchase.
7	Goal Name	Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	Assist homeless individuals, families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street, etc., to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Activities include case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services.
8	Goal Name	Emergency Shelter
	Goal Description	Assist homeless individuals, homeless families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Emergency Shelter Beds will bridge the gap from living on the street to living in a permanent housing situation. Activities include street outreach including navigation services, and supportive services.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects identified below will allow Fresno County to address its priority needs and meet the goals identified for the 2020-2021 Program Year.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Public Facility & Infrastructure Projects (Cities)
2	Public Facility & Infrastructure Projects (Unincorporated Areas)
3	Public Services
4	CDBG Administration
5	Housing Program Administration
6	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
7	HOME Administration
8	Homebuyer Assistance
9	Affordable Housing Development
10	ESG20 Fresno County

Table 56 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary.
Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure Projects (Cities)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$873,569
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the participating cities.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Installation of ADA restrooms and other ADA improvements, construction of groundwater recharge basin, water treatment plant improvements, and installation of street lights
2	Project Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure Projects (Unincorporated Areas)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the unincorporated area.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funding of infrastructure improvements in unincorporated areas. Activities to be funded from Unincorporated Areas project list, in Appendix, in listed order as funding allows.

3	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Activities
	Funding	CDBG: \$416,912
	Description	Public services activities, including area-based policing and community-based social services to eligible recipients, including low-income youth and victims of domestic violence.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public services activities will consist of Sheriff's Area-Based Policing (crime prevention), and funding for community-based social service programs provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County, which provide serves to low-income youth. Also included will be services provided to victims of domestic violence, by the Marjaree Mason Center.
4	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$635,883
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program.
5	Project Name	Housing Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$874,377
	Description	Funding for the staffing and related expenses (project delivery costs), to oversee, operate and process loan applications for the varied eligible CDBG & HOME funded housing programs such as Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Rental Rehabilitation Programs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Assist renters and owners. Funding for the staffing, travel, materials and supplies to oversee and operate eligible housing programs.
6	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation & Façade and Commercial Enhancement
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation & Facade and Commercial Enhancement
	Funding	CDBG: \$128,672 HOME: \$287,834
	Description	Loan to homeowner for home repairs, and loans to business owners for rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Loan to homeowner for home repairs, and loans to business owners for rehabilitation of exterior commercial facades and any associated code violation corrections
7	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$170,870
	Description	Administration of the HOME program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME program.
8	Project Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$100,000
	Description	Loan to first-time homebuyer for home purchase.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Loan to first-time homebuyer for home purchase.
	Project Name	Affordable Housing Development

9	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$1,150,000
	Description	Loans for development of affordable housing units. \$166,306 is set-aside for loans to developers proposing affordable housing projects that meet the CHDO requirements; \$983,694 is available for loans to developers proposing affordable housing projects whether they meet CHDO requirements or not. Specific projects are identified through an Action Plan Amendment once a project meets all requirements and the Board of Supervisors approves and executes an agreement awarding funds.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Loan for development of new affordable housing. (Rental and Homeownership)
10	Project Name	ESG20 Fresno County
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter
	Funding	ESG: \$245,607
	Description	ESG activities, to include tenant-based rental assistance/rapid rehousing and overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing. The project will also include ESG administration. Total funding amount is \$245,607. Of this amount 4% (\$9,300) will be allocated to Administration; \$125,600 for Emergency Shelter services; and \$110,707 for Rapid Re-housing.
	Target Date	06/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 175-200 homeless persons or families will benefit from the proposed activities
Location Description	County of Fresno
Planned Activities	ESG activities, to include tenant-based rental assistance/rapid rehousing, overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing, and administration.

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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.

Geographic areas were not used as a basis for funding allocation. All activities will specifically benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or a presumed beneficiary group, either by serving eligible clientele or eligible areas.

Geographic Distribution

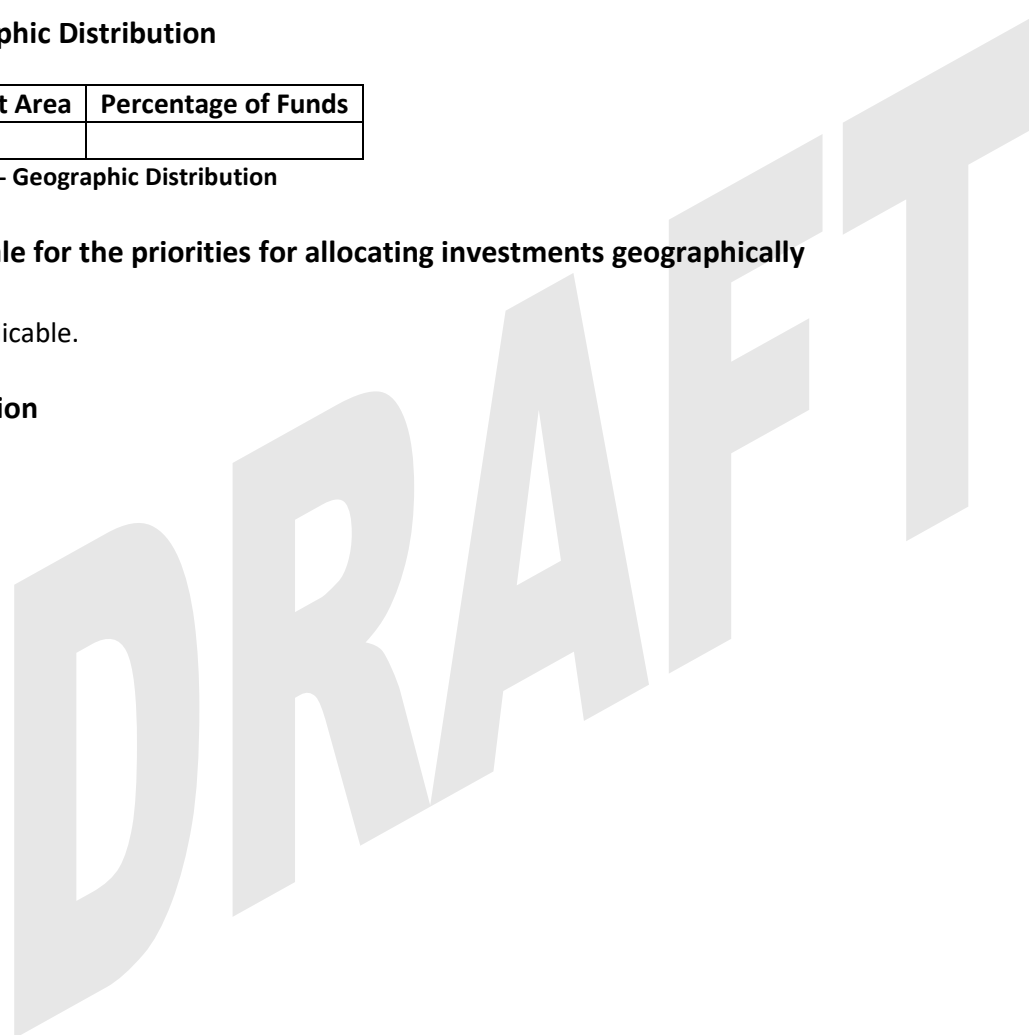
Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Not applicable.

Discussion



Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The affordable housing needs will be met through the provision of CDBG and/or HOME funding to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, or reconstruct affordable housing, including the costs to provide for the delivery of eligible project costs associated with a specific project. Housing funds from both CDBG- and HOME-funded housing programs are available for eligible applicants and activities that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan’s goals and objectives for the next year. While the County will promote and make every effort to fund its goals and objectives as stated in this document, it may be necessary at times to shift funds between programs based on need and to meet HUD’s timeliness expenditure requirements.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Special-Needs	14
Total	14

Table 58 - 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	11
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	14

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Affordable Housing needs for the homeless population are coordinated by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), an organization that pulls together governmental agencies and community-based organizations to address homeless needs in Fresno and Madera counties.

The County will make CDBG and HOME funds available to assist non-homeless special-needs populations to remain housed and/or provide opportunities and tools to access the services needed to maintain an independent, quality lifestyle. Non-homeless special-needs populations identified for Fresno County include the elderly, disabled and large family households. The specific objective identified is to assist these populations to remain housed in safe and sanitary housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing within Fresno is administered by the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC). The County coordinates with HAFC and shares information about their respective programs. HAFC receives an allocation from HUD, including an allocation through the Capital Fund program. The Capital Fund program will be used to repair, renovate and/or modernize the public housing developments and their physical inventory. The County does partner with HAFC on the administration of the HMIS homeless information management system for applicable homeless assistance programs.

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

It is anticipated that a series of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program conversions will take place during this period to renovate a portion of the public housing in Fresno County. Applications to HUD for the conversions of other Public Housing units are expected to be submitted for funding approval. HAFC continues to explore options and development timelines, before submitting the remaining public housing units for approval.

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

HAFC's Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meets at least annually to review any changes to HAFC admissions policies. Two public housing residents sit on the Board of Commissioners for HAFC. The residents are able to make comments before the Board of Commissioners and their comments are solicited for all major policy changes.

HAFC participated in a homeownership program in previous years where over 200 foreclosed homes were renovated and sold to low-income residents and other individuals. Although there are no longer any homes or participants remaining, HAFC is exploring renewing similar homeownership activities in the future.

HAFC connects with HUD approved Local Housing Counseling agencies to refer residents to pre-purchase housing counseling and financial management workshops.

The HAFC Resident Empowerment team provides home ownership workshops that are offered to higher-income families who live in subsidized housing. Financial assistance and credit counseling are provided to low-income families to purchase one of the new homes that are currently under construction.

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

Not applicable. HAFC is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

No additional discussion.

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

Introduction

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.

As a member of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), Fresno County collaborates with agencies who perform outreach in the City of Fresno. Additionally, the FMCoC has expanded its services by coordinating outreach in rural areas of Fresno County. The outreach teams are an essential component of services, as they are often the initial contact homeless individuals have with service providers. Continual contact through outreach efforts works to build trust between providers and the community and encourages homeless individuals to accept or seek out the services available to them.

During outreach efforts, the Vulnerability Index – Specialized Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) assessment is offered to homeless persons to assess individual need. They are assessed and prioritized for permanent housing as it becomes available. The County, along with the FMCoC, will continue to encourage the development of interpersonal relationships between the homeless and outreach team members in order to create an environment where clients are comfortable seeking out services.

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

It is a priority to continue to support an emergency shelter within the FMCoC jurisdiction. Shelter services are available in conjunction with other homeless assistance services in order to provide a safe location for clients to stay while they secure permanent housing. The County will continue to partner with local agencies to provide ESG services during the 2020 Program Year and ensure that an emergency shelter continues to be available in the community for individuals that are in the process of being connected with permanent housing. Additionally, the County has partnered with various agencies to provide additional bridge housing, triage centers, and rapid rehousing services with the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding awarded to the FMCoC.

The FMCoC, the County of Fresno, and the County of Madera are in the process of submitting applications for the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding that will maintain the triage centers and bridge housing for additional years as well as adding more homeless

services needed in the community.

The County does not support transitional housing through ESG or through other funding, as research has shown it is not an effective model for ending homelessness. However, limited transitional housing is available in the community through other FMCoC agencies.

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 FMCoC uses the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as a tool for prioritization. This tool is uniformly used throughout the FMCoC Coordinated Entry System and helps service providers determine the proper housing intervention for an individual or family. Those found to be the most vulnerable are assisted first. By having a better understanding of an individual's needs, appropriate housing and case management can be provided to ensure a shorter time experiencing homelessness and that those assisted are able to maintain long-term housing. Homeless individuals benefit from case management during and after the transition to permanent housing by learning skills that are necessary to retain housing.

Planned action steps for the coming year include continuing collaborative efforts aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness. The FMCoC's Housing First model and rapid rehousing services are evidence-based mechanisms that have been implemented in order to shorten the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, as well as to prevent returns to homelessness.

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.

Those who exit from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, that meet the definition of chronically homeless prior to entry, and are income qualified, are eligible to receive ESG assistance in order to obtain housing upon discharge or exit from such programs.

Though the County does not currently fund homeless prevention services, mainstream resources are provided by the Department of Social Services through CalFresh, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, General Relief, and various other programs. These programs provide a safety net to help low-income individuals and

families who may be at risk of homelessness to retain their housing. Furthermore, through efficient coordination of agencies and programs through the FMCoC, homeless prevention services are available to those at risk of homelessness in the community through other member agencies.

Discussion

Emergency Solutions Grants Program

The County of Fresno Department of Social Services, as the administrator of ESG services, will continue to work closely with the FMCoC in developing plans for ESG services that will benefit the community and align with the broader goals of the FMCoC. The County will continue to consult with the FMCoC on the allocation of ESG funds, utilizing HMIS, the Point In Time Count and other relevant data to ensure that services are readily available, appropriate, and accessible to the homeless in the community. With the addition of CESH and HEAP funds allocated to the FMCoC, also administered by DSS, the following services have been introduced or expanded: triage centers, bridge housing, diversion, rapid rehousing, landlord mitigation, and housing navigator services.

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

Introduction:

The most significant barriers to affordable housing over the next five-year period will not be public policy so much as the availability of affordable housing properties for sale and the increasingly high cost of new construction of affordable housing. In 2017 it was estimated that there was a backlog of about 2.3 million housing units. California needs to average 180,000 new housing units a year to keep up with the projected demand. In Fresno County, the median estimated home value has increased to \$250,693, which is a 3.6% increase the previous year due to the lack of housing units. According to the State's Labor Market Information Division, the County's unemployment rate for December 2019 was 6.9% which is higher than the rate of 3.7% for the State of California and 3.4% for the nation during the same period. In 2018 the households in Fresno County had a median household income of \$52,629 which is lower than the U.S. median annual income of \$61,937. Although the 30-year fixed mortgage rates are still low, the increase in housing costs due to lack of housing stock and the lower median income has resulted in a significant number of households still not able to afford to purchase a home.

Current changes to State policies have motivated developers and investors to explore the possibility of building affordable housing, however the cost of construction and recent rent control measures have also discouraged private investors considering affordable housing development.

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.

While the County has little control over market conditions that can influence and increase the cost of housing development, it acknowledges that local policies and regulations can sometimes be viewed as constraints to affordable housing development. One of the fundamental policy directives of the County's General Plan, is to direct intensive development to cities and unincorporated communities where public facilities and infrastructure are already available.

The County continues to promote a wide variety of actions to encourage housing opportunities and housing affordability. Actions include policies and associated regulations designed to achieve desired land use patterns, coordinate development with infrastructure availability, finance capital improvements, distribute the cost of public services, maintain the character of existing neighborhoods, and reserve agricultural lands and open space. The County recently applied for a State of California Planning Grant to explore changes to the zoning ordinance in hopes of streamlining housing approvals and accelerating housing production. Additionally, the County will explore making accessory dwelling units (ADU's) a by right possibility for areas that have the necessary infrastructure and will not harm the environment. More detailed information on Land Use Controls, zoning ordinances, building codes and enforcement, subdivision ordinances, and building permits and land use application fees are available in

the County's Housing Element of the General Plan. A printed copy of the Housing Element of the General Plan is available at the Fresno County Central Library Branch.

In the next five years the County plans to increase development and actively work with developers to promote the County's established communities for new developments. The recent passage of several housing laws such as Senate Bill 2 – Building Jobs and Housing Act by the State of California is also going to make funds available for local jurisdictions to apply to increase the housing stock. The County's Department of Behavior Health has already applied and has been awarded funds (No Place Like Home – Prop 2 funds) to build housing for the homeless in Fresno County.

Discussion:

The most significant barriers to affordable housing over the next five-year period will not be policy so much as the availability of properties for sale and the high cost of new construction. The County will continue to work with low-income housing developers to develop affordable rental units via HOME funds. The County will continue to make HOME funds available to eligible Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other qualified developers with feasible proposals for the development of affordable housing and will apply for any State funds that are identified to increase the housing stock in Fresno County.

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

A primary objective of the CDBG and HOME programs is the development of viable urban communities. The County intends to accomplish its goal and objective by providing available entitlement funds for improvements to eligible housing and public facilities and infrastructure activities in low- to moderate-income communities and neighborhoods; and by expanding economic opportunities that promote a suitable living environment. CDBG and HOME funds will be used to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons within the County's Urban County jurisdiction.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The County's actions this next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs will be to distribute funds timely for eligible activities that are ready to proceed. Part of this effort will be to seek out qualified CHDOs and/or private and non-profit organizations with shovel-ready affordable housing development projects aimed at very low-income households. Additionally, the County will continue to pursue Federal, State, and private funding, when available, to assist in meeting the underserved needs of Fresno County residents.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

The County has identified three actions, identified in the following paragraphs, which will foster and maintain affordable housing.

1. Support affordable housing development to increase the supply of affordable housing units. The County is committed to the development of affordable housing and will set aside HOME funds for eligible CHDO projects during the 2020-2021 program year. The County's focus is on proposals for the development of rental units affordable to households earning no more than 80% of area median income (AMI) and with units designed to accommodate elderly households, large family households and disabled households. Proposals for this type of housing development from private developers will also be considered. Non-CHDO developers may also submit proposals for HOME entitlement funds for eligible affordable housing development projects, as non-CHDO HOME funds are available. All applications are reviewed for eligibility, feasibility and readiness to proceed timely.

2. Promote safety, integrity and stability of existing housing for low- to moderate-income persons through continued funding of the County Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP), HARP utilizes CDBG or HOME funds to provide assistance to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the AMI in need of minor to substantial housing rehabilitation or reconstruction, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications to improve accessibility. These funds are also available for qualified rental housing that is occupied by low- to moderate-income persons.

3. Promote homeownership through continued funding of the Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP).

HOME funds will be made available to provide gap financing in the form of deferred loans to eligible low-income, first-time homebuyers for the purchase of their homes. Additionally, the County will fund CHDO's or affordable housing developers that are proposing to build single-family homes for sale to low-income residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

The County's Affordable Housing Programs will continue to work in conjunction with the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, and Residential Housing and Lead Hazard Control Programs to reduce lead-based paint hazards. Through either the HARP Program, the Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP), or the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant, staff will work with homeowners and landlords to remediate identified LBP hazards in housing units in the County's unincorporated area. The County contracts for the testing and abatement of lead-based paint hazards and asbestos hazards for homes rehabilitated through the County's housing rehabilitation program and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

The County of Fresno's Antipoverty Strategy, described in section SP-70 of the County's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, focuses on three goals:

1. Increase Job Creation;
2. Diversify the Economic Base; and
3. Improve Labor Force Preparedness.

During the Program Year 2020-2024, the County of Fresno will strive to reduce the number of families living in poverty by working toward and supporting these three goals in a number of ways, including the following:

The investment of Fresno County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and CDBG funds for housing and public facility and infrastructure improvement activities into low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and communities contributes to increased employment in the construction industry and financial support of related businesses and services, assisting in the reduction of poverty.

The Fresno County FACE Program improves the commercial areas of eligible communities as well as providing local businesses an opportunity for economic growth. The FACE Program generates an immediate increase in construction employment, and over the long term the business improvements will add to the impacted area's economic development and job creation.

The County of Fresno will continue to actively partner and support county-wide economic development efforts. Through partnerships, the County of Fresno seeks to increase employment, generate economic development opportunities, and retain and enhance current business and industry. Supporting public

and private economic development efforts will strengthen all of Fresno County, and improve economic prosperity and quality of life. The County's CDBG Program is involved with various groups and agencies working to increase economic activity including the Yosemite/Sequoia Valley RC&D Area Council, the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation and the local Chambers of Commerce serving Fresno County cities and communities. Community Development staff also work through the Fresno County Film Commission to create jobs and increase economic development.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division has been successfully implementing HUD's Housing and Community Development Programs since their inception in the 1970's. The Division's primary objective is to distribute funds efficiently and expediently for activities that will positively impact low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and communities. The County continues to take a proactive approach to program administration by sending staff to HUD training to maintain the level of expertise of existing staff and develop expertise in new staff.

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

For each new program year, the County conducts a public workshop for cities, communities, non-profit agencies, engineers, and any other party interested in receiving CDBG funds for eligible activities. The workshop consists of CDBG Program guidance for eligible types of activities and includes instructions for completing the County's CDBG application. The workshop is also used as a forum to solicit ideas and encourage participation from the public in the identification of future CDBG activities.

In order to involve community residents in the CDBG application review process, the County relies on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC consists of nineteen (19) members appointed by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, representing unincorporated communities county-wide.

The County's Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the ESG program and the CDBG-funded social service activities, as approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Fresno County's Department of Social Services, along with the Housing Authority of Fresno County, continue to be members of the FMCoC and have representatives on the Board of Directors. The County will continue to work with the FMCoC to coordinate efforts and resources to meet the needs of underserved populations including the homeless of Fresno County. DSS works closely with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) to enhance coordination of homeless services. Various agencies participate in the FMCoC that represent not only housing agencies but others such as health clinics, veterans' associations, and school districts to meet the needs of the homeless population.

The CDBG-funded social service activities are selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process released by DSS. The RFP requests proposals for eligible community-based social services activities that will be provided in the unincorporated area of Fresno County or in one of the County's participating cities. Agencies are asked to describe the problem they are seeking to address, all existing programs that address the problem and describe the proposed new or enhanced service they would provide with the requested funds. Agencies also provide examples of collaboration with other institutions and service providers to enhance effectiveness.

The County will seek additional opportunities to partner with private developers of low-income affordable housing and qualified CHDOs who, with private investors and public agencies, are planning for the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing opportunities. The County also plans on conducting an array of presentations to social service agencies to educate the providers about the various housing programs available for their clients.

Discussion:

As described in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan's Five-Year Strategic Plan, during 2020-2021, the Community Development Division will continue working to:

- Leverage County resources with private funding to address housing and non-housing community development needs.
- Enhance the coordination between assisted housing providers and social service agencies with the intention of fostering development of supportive housing options for special needs populations throughout the County.
- Lessen the number of poverty-level families using CDBG and HOME, and local public and private sector resources, for projects that foster self-sufficiency in conjunction with housing and other public facilities.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4).

Introduction:

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.

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| 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

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| 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. | 100.00% |

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

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

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

The County of Fresno will continue to provide direct assistance in the form of HOME loans to assist low- to moderate-income homebuyer applicants afford homeownership under its Affordable Housing Programs. HOME loans are secured with a recorded trust deed and a promissory note and a HOME participation agreement between the borrower and the County. The County has elected to use the recapture option to comply with the Affordability requirements under §92.254 of HOME rules.

The initial buyer must reside in the home as his/her principal residence for the duration of the period of affordability.

Pursuant to 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii), the County of Fresno requires that the amount of the direct HOME assistance to the buyer be recaptured if:

- All or any part of the property or any interest in it is sold, conveyed or transferred during the prescribed Period of Affordability as described in Section 8 of the Homebuyer Participation Agreement.

The amount of direct HOME assistance is the total amount of HOME assistance that enables the buyer to purchase the unit, including: down payment and closing cost assistance and the amount that reduces the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price.

The County shall recapture the direct HOME assistance loaned from the net proceeds available from the sale of the HOME-assisted property first before any funds are made available to the borrower. The net proceeds are the sales price minus the repayment of all other mortgage debt senior to County's loan (other than the County funds) and closing costs. The direct HOME assistance will be recaptured from the net proceeds as set forth in the following example:

EXAMPLE --Resale of property by HOME-assisted owner of record:

Sales price: \$250,000
Superior Mortgage Debt: \$150,000
Closing Costs and/or Fees Incurred
for Resale of Property: \$5,000
County (HOME) Assistance: \$30,000
Owner's original contribution: \$10,000

$\$250,000$ (sales price) - $\$155,000$ (superior mortgage debt + closing costs/fees) = $\$95,000$ (net proceeds).

$\$95,000$ (net proceeds) - $\$30,000$ (HOME Assistance) = $\$65,000$ (owner's proceeds).

The amount to be recaptured will not exceed the amount of net proceeds available at the time the home is sold; if the net proceeds are insufficient for the County to recapture the full amount of the direct HOME assistance, the County will recapture only what is available from net proceeds. In the event of foreclosure, the amount subject to recapture is based on the amount of net proceeds (if any) from the foreclosure sale.

The County's recapture clause is referenced in the County's security documents, and the County's Homebuyer Participation Agreement. The terms of recapture are structured in compliance with the HOME Program's Period of Affordability requirements and are based on the amount of direct HOME assistance provided to the borrower as follows:

Direct HOME Assistance to the Buyer Length of the Affordability Period

Less than \$15,000 5 years
\$15,000 – \$40,000 10 years
More than \$40,000 15 years

See the additional text below for a description of HOME Recapture Non-Compliance Monitoring.

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

For HOME-funded affordable housing development projects, the County records a HOME Regulatory agreement against the property that places a covenant and use restriction. The covenants and restrictions are for the benefit and protection of the County, and enforceable by the County, and bind the current borrower, its successors, assigns, transferees and future owner(s) of the property. The borrower agrees on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns, and each future owner of the property to adhere to all requirements of the HOME Program during the period of affordability. The requirements include, by way of example, but are not limited to: (1) requirements related to rent limitations; (2) requirements related to tenant income, and any required reporting and certification requirements; (3) requirements related to the provision of HOME Program-required tenant and participant protections; (4) requirements related to HOME Program nondiscrimination requirements and Affirmative fair housing marketing requirements; (5) requirements related to HUD required tenant protections as stated in The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

For HOME-funded homebuyer assistance loans, the Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, and Homebuyer Agreement stipulate the terms for early loan repayment or repayment due to default. The County chooses to recapture the funds if the repayment occurs during the affordability period, rather than to place continued affordability restrictions upon subsequent buyers/owners of the properties.

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

The County of Fresno does not refinance existing debt for multifamily housing projects.

HOME Recapture Non-Compliance Monitoring

Noncompliance

The County annually conducts direct mailing to ensure compliance with occupancy and affordability requirements to all the HOME-assisted homebuyer assisted households. Annual onsite visits are also conducted on a small percentage of the households. If the County suspects a household may not be compliant with the HOME requirements direct contact will be established and a site visit may be conducted.

In the event of noncompliance with these requirements [that is, an owner (1) vacates the unit or rents the unit to another household during the period of affordability, or (2) sells the home without the County receiving recaptured funds due at time of sale, the borrower is subject to repay the full amount of the direct HOME assistance. This is enforceable through the County's loan security documents.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The County has updated the ESG Policies and Procedures to ensure they are current and in compliance with ESG regulation and FMCoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. A copy of the current ESG Policies and Procedures is included in the Appendix.

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

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) has aligned and implemented procedures to establish its Coordinated Entry System (CES). The FMCoC has a coordinated entry committee that has established written Policies and Procedures. The committee continues to meet twice a month to review the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures and revise them as necessary.

In the FMCoC CES, agencies are defined as Access Sites or Assessment Sites. Access Sites include physical sites that provide services, street outreach teams, and law enforcement agencies; they

provide information and referrals to the assessment sites. Assessment Sites are tasked with conducting the standardized assessment and therefore must have HMIS access and trained assessors. Together these sites provide the client with immediate access to services available in the community. A copy of the current Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures is included in the Appendix.

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

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) is consulted to determine the needs and services that would be most beneficial to the homeless in the community. The County reviews the information gathered by the FMCoC Point in Time count with the Board of Directors to prioritize homeless needs in Fresno County and fill gaps in service in the community. Once that process is complete, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be issued by the County of Fresno for services. A notice regarding the release of funding is sent to a bidders list of FMCoC members. Additionally, the RFP notice is placed on the County website that is accessible to the public. A review committee may include the City, County, and FMCoC representatives, which rank the received proposals and make recommendations on which subrecipients to fund. Finally, the recommendations for funding are taken to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval.

The County also utilizes Letters of Qualification and Suspension of Competition when appropriate. Following consultation with the FMCoC to determine the services will benefit the entire continuum, if only one provider is able to provide the service required, or to avoid an unnecessary delay in services, a Suspension of Competition would be utilized. If multiple providers are appropriate, Letters of Qualification may be utilized to enable the County to enter into a Master Agreement with multiple providers.

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

The FMCoC has met the homeless participation requirement. The County of Fresno, with the FMCoC, will continue to reach out to additional current or formerly homeless individuals from within the community to encourage them to be active participants in the FMCoC to provide their input regarding policies and funding recommendations.

4. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

When determining the effectiveness of the services provided with ESG, the following performance standards are reviewed:

1. The number of homeless families and individuals from the FMCoC Point in Time Count.
2. The number of individuals and families matched to housing by the housing matcher.
3. The capacity utilization rate for the emergency shelter.

The County of Fresno, in partnership with the FMCoC, will be reviewing the performance standards during the year and may change or add performance standards in order to fully assess whether the services provided are meeting the needs of the homeless.

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Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2011-2015 ACS</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Information collected by the US Census Bureau, via the American Community Survey (ACS).</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>This Administrative Data Set uses information from the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimate, for data which auto-populated in the Consolidated Plan. This often occurred in Section MA-45, where the ACS data provided was the median income, which the system attempted to calculate by combining the medians of the cities which participate in the Urban County. This resulted in persons with education less than a high school degree having a listed median income of \$807,677. Persons with high educational attainment likewise had inflated median incomes (persons with a graduate degree were listed as having a median income of \$2,075,034).</p> <p>The S1501 data table from the 2011-2015 ACS was used to calculate the median income, as this table listed the educational attainment of the population as a whole, and the median income for each category of educational attainment. By multiplying the median income by the population in each category, a total income for that category could be calculated. After removing the income for the non-participating cities in Fresno County, the median income for the Urban County could be calculated.</p> <p>However, the S1501 data table did not include data for all of the cities in Fresno County. The most accurate methodology determined was to exclude the cities of Clovis and Fresno, and calculate the median income of the Urban County based on remaining portion, which includes the smaller non-participating cities, based on the assumption that these more rural cities have similar demographics to the participating rural cities and will not significantly skew the calculated median income.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>This data set allows the ACS data to be used in where a manual calculation of median income was required.</p>
	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>This data set covers the entire Urban County jurisdiction.</p>
	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>This data set consists of a 5-year estimate, based on American Community Surveys conducted by the Census Bureau from 2011-2015.</p>

<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p>

<p>The data set is complete.</p>

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2	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Housing Authority of Fresno County data</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Housing Authority of Fresno County</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>This data set provides updated information regarding Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers for the Urban County area. Pre-populated numbers for the PIC (PIH Information Center) was for the Housing Authority as a whole, which included non-participating cities in Fresno County, including the cities of Fresno and Clovis, which are entitlement communities in their own right.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>This data was calculated to provide numbers accurate for the Urban County area.</p>
	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>This data set covers the entire Urban County area, as of February 2015.</p>
	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>This information is based on a point-in-time review of public housing and housing choice voucher utilization and demographics in February 2015.</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>The data set is complete.</p>

3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>FMCoC Point in Time Count</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Fresno Madera Continuum of Care</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>On January 29-31, 2019, volunteers counted and surveyed homeless persons in the County of Fresno. Data collected was reported to HUD and analyzed for housing implications by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>Biennial HUD-mandated Homeless Point in Time Count</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>January 29-31, 2019</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>Public place count with interviews on the night of the PIT count and interviews with unsheltered homeless persons on a later date. Sheltered data was taken from surveys with sheltered providers on the specific PIT and data from the Homeless Management Information System.</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>Data was taken from sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in the County of Fresno area.</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>The majority of respondents were white, non-Hispanic individuals, with 69% being white, 18% African American, 10% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 3% other races.</p>

4	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2019 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Fresno Housing Authority HMIS Quality Analyst compiles the data for the HIC based on information collected from homeless projects.</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The HIC is a point in time inventory of projects in the community with beds dedicated to serving persons who are homeless.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>The purpose of the HIC is to provide HUD and CoC's with information about the shelter and housing capacity of homeless crisis response systems.</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>The data was collected in January 2019.</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>Housing providers submit the required bed inventory information to the HMIS Quality Analyst. The Analyst then compiles the information and submits it to HUD.</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>The information on the HIC is derived from all housing projects in the CoC.</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>Homeless projects are required to submit;</p> <p>Housing project type (i.e., emergency shelter, transitional, rapid rehousing, permanent)</p> <p>Target population</p> <p>Funding source</p> <p>Housing Type</p> <p>Victim service provider status</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Inventory information which include number current beds and number of beds under development</p>



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2020-21 City Activities

City/Activity	CDBG Amount
Fowler Panzak Park ADA Restroom	\$ 47,614
Kerman Stanislaus Avenue Park Development	\$127,099
Kingsburg Senior Center Improvements	\$ 86,204
Mendota Rojas Pierce Park	\$171,733
Reedley Street Improvements, Phase X	\$233,172
Selma Sidewalk ADA Improvements	\$207,747

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2020-21 Unincorporated Area
CDBG Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Rank	Project Name	CDBG Amount
1	Biola Sidewalk and Streetlight Improvements	\$250,000
Back-Up List		
2	Riverdale Memorial Hall Improvements	\$250,000
3	Caruthers Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Drying Bed	\$250,000
4	Del Rey Wastewater Treatment Plant Hazard Removal	\$200,000
5	Malaga Wastewater Treatment Plant Instrumentation and Aeration	\$250,000

2020-21 Public Services

	CDBG Amount
Sheriff's Area-Based Policing	\$309,445
Community-based Social Services Programs	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County (Sanger, Del Rey)	\$ 14,293
Marjaree Mason Center (Reedley)	\$ 93,784

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SAMPLE COMMUNITY MEETING
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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

ATTENTION PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 12, 2019, the County of Fresno will hold a public meeting at the scheduled Lanare Community Services District meeting to receive community input and recommendations for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program funds for fiscal years 2020-24.

The County of Fresno is also conducting an analysis of the impediments to fair housing and is requesting comments from the community on anything that restricts the availability of housing options to all residents.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD), CDBG, HOME and ESG Program funds are administered by the County of Fresno to address housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons. Types of eligible activities include housing and commercial rehabilitation; infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer, streets, and drainage; fire protection facilities and equipment; solid waste facilities; public services; libraries and community centers in eligible areas of Fresno County.

Interested citizens, individuals and/or organizations are encouraged to attend and make recommendations to the County for future projects in their community.

DATE: October 12, 2019
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 20620 S Grantland Ave, Lanare

This public meeting is designed to receive your comments and recommendations for inclusion of eligible community activities in the County of Fresno, 2020-24 Consolidated Plan document. A Community Development Specialist will be available to record public comment regarding your community's needs and priorities, and to answer questions. The Consolidated Plan is scheduled for submission to HUD on or before May 15, 2020.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Yvette Quiroga, Fresno County Community Development Division, (559) 600-4292.

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

ATENCIÓN AVISO PUBLICO

El 12 de octubre de 2019, el Condado de Fresno realizará una reunión pública programada en el Distrito de servicios comunitarios de Lanare para recibir al opinión de la comunidad y sus recomendaciones con respecto a la utilización de los fondos del programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés), Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME, por sus siglas en ingles), y los fondos del Programa de Subvención para Albergue de Emergencia (ESG, por sus siglas en inglés), para los años fiscales 2020-24.

El Condado de Fresno tambien esta realizando una análisis a los impedimentos a la equidad de viviendas y está solicitando comentarios de la comunidad sobre cualquier cosa que restrinja la disponibilidad de opciones de viviendas a todos los residentes.

Los fondos de los programas del Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés), CDBG, HOME y ESG son administrados por el Condado de Fresno para atender los problemas de vivienda y las necesidades de desarrollo comunitario de las personas de bajos y moderados ingresos. Los tipos de actividades que podrían calificar incluyen reparación de viviendas y edificios comerciales, mejoras de las infraestructuras tales como agua, alcantarilla, calles, y drenaje; facilidades y equipo para protección contra incendios, instalaciones para basura sólida, servicios públicos; bibliotecas y centros comunitarios en áreas elegibles del Condado de Fresno.

Se le encomienda a los ciudadanos, personas y/u organizaciones interesadas asistir y hacer recomendaciones al Condado para futuros proyectos en Lanare. La información para la reunión es la siguiente:

FECHA: 12 de octubre de 2019
HORA: 5:00 p.m.
LUGAR: 20620 S Grantland Avenue, Lanare

Esta reunión pública tiene como propósito conoser su opinión y recibir sus recomendaciones para incluir las actividades comunitarias elegibles en el documento del Plan Consolidado 2020-24 del Condado de Fresno. Un Especialista en Desarrollo Comunitario estará disponible para registrar comentarios públicos sobre las necesidades y prioridades de su comunidad y para responder a sus preguntas. El Plan Consolidado está programado para ser presentado a HUD en, o antes, del 15 de mayo de 2020.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, por favor llame al Condado de Fresno, División del Desarrollo de la Comunidad, (559) 600-4292.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICES

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT
CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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**The County of Fresno
Department of Social Services**

**Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
Program Policy and Procedure Guide**

March 2020

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The County of Fresno
*Emergency Solutions
Grants
Policy and Procedure
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Program Description

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

The County of Fresno is the recipient of an annual allocation of ESG funding. Through community input, consultation with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care, and County Board of Supervisors approval, funding and program priorities are determined. Services are then procured through the County Purchasing standards, which may include releasing a request for proposal for awarding ESG funds to eligible subrecipients (providers).

All funded providers are required to follow federal guidelines in the implementation of ESG programs. ESG Program Policies and Procedures do not replace the regulations contained in 24 CFR Part 576 and subsequent amendments, nor any other applicable Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations pertaining to the program. The County of Fresno has written the following policies and procedures to facilitate providers in implementing the ESG guidelines as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Target Population

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

Emergency Solutions Grants Policies and Procedures

1. County Administration of the Program

The County of Fresno administers the Emergency Solutions Grants Program and will provide updates as needed to this Policy and Procedures Guide. The County must consult with the Continuum of Care (CoC) operating within the jurisdiction in determining how to allocate ESG funds under 24 CFR 576.400(a). Although the County of Fresno may change program requirements from time to time to meet program objectives, all changes will meet ESG guidelines.

2. Match Requirement

The ESG Recipient (County of Fresno) must match grant funds with an equal amount of cash and/or noncash contributions, which may include real property, equipment, materials, or services as required under 24 CF 576.201. The match requirement may be passed down to the County's subrecipients, dependent on the County's ability to acquire the necessary match. The match requirement, if any, will be noted in the subrecipient's contract. The recipient must ensure the laws governing any funds to be used as matching contributions do not prohibit those funds from being used to match Emergency Solutions Grant funds. The matching funds must be provided and documented during a specified contract period.

3. Monitoring

County of Fresno staff will meet with all subrecipients to discuss performance, regulations, and processes; coordinate services; collaboratively exchange best practices; and discuss concerns in administering the program. County staff will conduct on-site monitoring and audits of subrecipients as appropriate to ensure proper administration of the program. All subrecipients will be required to submit monthly, quarterly, and yearly reports to the County to ensure performance measures are being met. Additionally, the County will audit all requests for reimbursement of ESG funds before payments are made to service providers.

4. Subrecipient Administration of ESG

Each subrecipient must read and follow ESG guidelines as issued by HUD, and as may be amended from time to time. The procedures contained herein serve to simplify the implementation of HUD regulation as it relates to the programs administered by the County of Fresno.

Subrecipients will serve the designated populations and provide financial assistance and stabilization services as identified in the budget and scope of work in the County contract. The requirements for implementing ESG activities follow:

- Complete all documentation and recordkeeping as required by the HMIS lead of the Continuum of Care - currently the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno.
- Comply with the ESG contract with the County of Fresno.
- Develop appropriate guidelines specific to the activities being provided and how the program will be administered. These will be provided to the County at minimum, within one quarter of the program start date.
- Adhere to FMCoC standards for Coordinated Entry, HMIS, and member agreements.
- Evaluate individuals and families applying for or receiving assistance using the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

5. Eligible Activities

Funding may be provided for the following eligible activities:

A. Rapid Re-Housing - Rental Assistance (An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the “homeless” HUD definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

Eligible rental assistance includes:

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

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

B. Rapid Re-Housing - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the “homeless” HUD definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

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

C. Homelessness Prevention - Rental Assistance (An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the “at risk of homelessness” HUD definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

Eligible rental assistance includes:

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

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

D. Homelessness Prevention - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

(An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the "at risk homelessness" HUD definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

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

E. Emergency Shelter (An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the "homeless" HUD definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

Eligible emergency shelter costs include: costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals, and operating emergency shelters as identified in 24 CFR 576.102.

In emergency shelters, established policies exist for admission, diversion, referral, length of stay and discharge by the emergency shelters assisted under ESG. These policies includes assessing, prioritizing, and reassessing individuals and families' needs for essential services related to emergency shelter as indicated in 24 CFR 576.400(e)(3)(iii) & (iv). A maximum of 60% of the total amount of the recipient's fiscal year grant may be used for street outreach and emergency shelter activities.

F. Street Outreach (An individual or family assisted must qualify according to the "homeless" definition under 24 CFR 576.2.)

Eligible street outreach costs include: costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, non-facility based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility, as further identified in 24 CFR 576.101. Specific eligible costs consist of the following: engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.

For the purposes of this section, the term “unsheltered homeless people” means individuals and families who qualify as “homeless” found in 24 CFR

576.2(1)(i). Combined Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter expenditures are limited to 60% of the recipient’s fiscal year grant. Property acquisition and new construction are not eligible ESG activities as stated in 24 CFR 576.100 and 24 CFR 576.407(d)(2).

G. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

All agencies receiving ESG assistance will be required to participate in the local HMIS. All persons served and assisted under ESG must be entered in HMIS or a comparable database (if a domestic violence or legal services provider), equivalent to HUD’s standards on participation, data collection, and reporting. The recipient or subrecipient may use ESG funds to pay the costs of contributing data to the HMIS lead agency designated by the Continuum of Care (equipment, software, staff salary, training, etc.).

6. Client Eligibility Verification

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

A. FIRST STEP: Homelessness Verification

To receive assistance under Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, or Street Outreach client(s) must be homeless at the time assistance is requested. To receive assistance under Homeless Prevention, client(s) must be at risk of becoming homeless and only rental assistance is necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation as identified in the ESG regulations. An individual or family must meet the homeless or at risk of homelessness definition as defined by HUD 24 CFR 576.2.

B. SECOND STEP: Initial Consultation

Subrecipients must conduct an initial evaluation to determine if ESG will be beneficial to the client(s) and help them regain stability in permanent housing as quickly as possible. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care CES PPGs. Documentation to verify the requirements of this section must be in the form of a client intake form. Subrecipients may use their own form and must keep verification of this requirement in each client file.

C. THIRD STEP: Income Verification

Verification of Income below 30% of the Area Median Income. See *Section 8. Income Determination*.

7. Documenting Client Eligibility

All subrecipients must maintain verification of clients' eligibility in each client file as described below.

- (1) Subrecipients are required to ensure that the client does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available, as follows:

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

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

- (2) All subrecipients will ensure that all documentation is obtained and placed in the file in accordance with 24 CFR 576.500 "Recordkeeping and reporting requirements", as required in the regulation for Rapid Re-Housing and/or Homelessness Prevention clients.
- (3) The most reliable evidence that should be used in addressing the documentation required in (1) and (2) above includes, in order of priority:
 - a. Source documents including check stubs, verification of employment, unemployment compensation, bank statement, award letters from Social Security Administration, utility bill showing arrears, health-care bill showing arrears, etc.
 - b. If source documents are unavailable: a written statement by the relevant third party, or a written statement by intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the required information and written verification by intake staff as to why source documentation could not be obtained.
 - c. If source documents AND written third party verification is unobtainable, a written statement by the client or client's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence AND self-certification by client, identifying the required information needed.

8. Income Determination

All subrecipients are required to determine a client's annual income, to verify that the client is income eligible. To qualify for ESG assistance persons and/or households must earn 30 percent or below the Area Median Income, as set annually by HUD, according to household size. Annual income limits will be provided to each subrecipient, as they are made available by HUD. They can also be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5079/esg-income-limits/>. In determining the annual income of an individual or family, the subrecipient must use the standard for calculating anticipated annual income under 24 CFR 5.609.

- (1) Annual income means all amounts, monetary or not, that go to, or are on behalf of, the family head or spouse (even if temporarily absent) or to any other family member 18 years old or older, or all amounts anticipated to be received from a source outside the family, during the 12-month period following admission or annual reexamination effective date.
- (2) All subrecipients must keep income verification documents in a case file, for each client or household.
- (3) All subrecipients must have the client's household documented in the case file to verify the size of the client household and to assist in determining income eligibility.
- (4) Additionally, income or lack thereof should be documented in the client's case file.

9. Client's Share of Rent Costs

The County will enforce a graduated subsidy format for determining each ESG client's share of rental costs. A graduated subsidy will help reduce the destabilizing cliff effect of a deep subsidy suddenly ending. Declining subsidies allow the household to gradually take over the responsibility of paying rent and builds both a cushion and confidence along the way. Each subrecipient shall provide the County with the graduated subsidy scale and methodology to be applied to the funded activity as part of the activity guidelines.

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

On a case-by-case basis, subrecipients may be authorized to increase rental assistance only when extenuating circumstances arise for a client. Some of these extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, reunification with a child, loss of employment (income), drop in income, medical emergency/illness, and loss of other resources. In these cases, the subrecipient will verify and document in each file the reasons for increasing financial assistance.

10. Rent Reasonableness

Rental assistance paid cannot exceed the actual rental cost, which must comply with HUD's standard of "rent reasonableness." "Rent reasonableness" means that the total rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to the rents being charged during the same time period for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be in excess of rents being charged by the owner during the same time period for comparable non-luxury unassisted units. Additionally, rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under 24 CFR part 888.

To make this determination, subrecipients should consider (a) the location, quality, size, type, and age of the unit; and (b) any amenities, housing services, maintenance and utilities to be provided by the owner. Comparable rents can be checked by using a market study, by reviewing comparable units advertised for rent, or with a note from the property owner verifying the comparability of charged rents to other units owned (for example, the landlord would document the rents paid in other units). All subrecipients will need to maintain document in the case file for each client assisted with rent and keep the record in the client file.

11. Rental, Security and Utility Payments

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

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

Please note that financial assistance for persons in a group home-type setting is limited to: rent, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments. Service fee charges that might be applied at assisted living facilities are not eligible. In addition, if there is another rental subsidy being provided, ESG cannot be used for rent, and if there is a utility subsidy being provided, ESG cannot be used for utilities. If subrecipient incurs late fees due to a late submittal of a rental payment, these cannot be reimbursed by, or paid out of ESG funds.

12. Habitability Standards

Subrecipients providing rental assistance with ESG funds will be required to conduct initial and any appropriate follow-up inspections of housing units into which a program participant will be moving. Units should be inspected on an annual basis and upon a change of tenancy. Inspection of each unit must include completion and filing of the Permanent Housing section of attached Exhibit A: ESG Minimum Habitability Standards for Emergency Shelters and Permanent Housing. Subrecipients are to ensure that experienced staff perform all habitability inspections. When ESG funds are used for conversion, major rehabilitation, or other renovation, the building must meet the minimum standards for safety, sanitation, and privacy standards, as applicable. Any emergency shelter that receives assistance for shelter operations must also meet these standards under 24 CR 576.403 and complete the Emergency Shelter section of Exhibit A.

13. Environmental Review

ESG activities are subject to environmental reviews under HUD environmental regulations in 24 CFR part 50. The County will work with subrecipients to meet the requirements of 24 CFR part 50 prior to the expenditure of any ESG funds. The subrecipient will provide at a minimum: address and APN of location where services will be provided and a detailed program description.

14. Rental Payments in Arrears

Rental assistance may be used to pay up to six months of rental arrears for eligible program participants. Rental arrears may be paid if the payment enables the program participant to remain in the housing unit for which the arrears are being paid or move to another unit. If ESG funds are used to pay rental arrears, arrears must be included in determining the total period of the program participant's rental assistance. Utility payments may be made for up to 24 months (during any 3-year period) payments per program participant, per service, including up to six months of utility payments in arrears, per service.

15. Lead Based Paint Visual Assessment Requirements

Subrecipients are required to provide a visual assessment of each selected property for client habitability to ensure that there are no hazards related Lead Based Paint. Visual assessments can be conducted by a HUD-Certified Visual Assessor under ESG and must meet the requirements as outlined in the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, as noted in Section VII.F of the Notice. A 20-minute online training course on conducting visual assessments can be found on HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm>.

After successful completion of the online course, subrecipients will receive a certificate of completion, which qualifies them to conduct the assessments. All subrecipients are required to have at least one staff member qualified to conduct assessments.

Subrecipients are also required to complete and sign the ESG Lead Screening Worksheet, enclosed in Exhibit B, and the ESG Lead-Based Paint Document Checklist, as enclosed in Exhibit C, for each client receiving assistance.

Please note; that the last page of the form requires staff signature and date. Subrecipients will ensure that the form is signed and dated properly.

Additionally, subrecipients must ensure compliance with the lead-based paint remediations and disclosures as described in 24 CFR 576.403(a).

16. Reporting Requirements

HMIS

Subrecipients are required to input client data into HMIS as soon as feasibly possible, and according to the minimum standard set by the FMCoC. County staff will work with the HMIS lead agency to pull data on a monthly basis and will contact subrecipients who have not utilized HMIS as required. This reporting requirement is set forth to facilitate subrecipient's quarter-end reporting process and to assist the County in its reporting to HUD. Subrecipients who fail to meet this requirement will be in default of their agreement, which will trigger a performance review by the County.

Monthly/Quarterly Reporting

Subrecipients are required to provide a monthly activity report to the County, as noted in the County contract.

17. Confidentiality

Each subrecipient must develop and implement procedures to ensure:

- (1) The confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided assistance; and
- (2) The address or location of any assisted housing is not made public, except to the extent that this prohibition contradicts a preexisting privacy policy of the recipient.

Such procedures must be provided to the County before implementation of the program commences. All records pertaining to each fiscal year of ESG funds must be retained for the greater of five years or the period specified under 24 CFR576.500(y). Copies made by microfilming, photocopying, or similar methods may be substituted for the original records.

18. Housing First

All subrecipients must adhere to the Housing First Model, which is an approach to quickly connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to housing, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. For more information on Housing First, please visit: <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/>.

19. Termination of Housing Assistance

A subrecipient may terminate assistance to a program participant who violates program requirements. Subrecipients may resume assistance to a program participant whose assistance was previously terminated. In terminating assistance to a program participant, the subrecipient must follow a formal process that recognizes the rights of individuals receiving assistance to due process of law.

This process, at a minimum, must consist of:

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

20. Non-Discrimination

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

21. Conflicts of Interest

Conflict of Interest is a real or apparent incompatibility between a person's private interest and his or her public or fiduciary duties. ESG assistance may not be conditioned on an individual's or family's acceptance or occupancy of emergency shelter or housing owned by the recipient, the subrecipient, or a parent or subsidiary of the subrecipient required under 2 CFR 200.318. For the procurement of goods and services, the recipient and its subrecipients must comply with 2 CFR 200.317 and 2 CFR 200.318.

22. Involuntary Family Separation

A child under age 18, must not be denied based on age for any family's admission to an emergency shelter that uses ESG funding or services and provides shelter to families with children under the age of 18 according to 24 CFR 576.102(b). The intent of the involuntary family separation provision in the ESG interim rule is to allow families with children to remain in shelter together if they choose.

23. Appeals

If a subrecipient declines services for a referred applicant, the applicant may appeal, in writing, within sixty (60) days after the occurrence and must clearly state the reasons for the petition. The head of the Agency or the authorized designee must consider all pertinent justification and other material submitted by the person to ensure a fair and full review. However, the official shall not have been directly involved in the action appealed. If the appellant is not satisfied with the response of the subrecipient, it may be presented to The County of Fresno ESG Program Manager within thirty (30) days of the subrecipient's final response. The County will attempt to resolve the grievance within fifteen (15) days. The ruling of the County will be final.

Exhibit A:

ESG Minimum Habitability Standards for Emergency Shelters and Permanent Housing: Checklists

About this Tool

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Interim Rule establishes different habitability standards for emergency shelters and for permanent housing (the Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention components).

Emergency Shelter Standards.

Emergency shelters that receive ESG funds for renovation or shelter operations must meet the minimum standards for safety, sanitation, and privacy provided in §576.403(b).

In addition, emergency shelters that receive ESG funds for renovation (conversion, major rehabilitation, or other renovation) also must meet state or local government safety and sanitation standards, as applicable.

Permanent Housing Standards. The recipient or subrecipient cannot use ESG funds to help a program participant remain in or move into housing that does not meet the minimum habitability standards under §576.403(c). This restriction applies to all activities under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing components.

Recipients and subrecipients must document compliance with the applicable standards. Note that these checklists do not cover the requirements to comply with the Lead-Based Paint requirements at §576.403(a). For more discussion about how and when the standards apply, see ***ESG Minimum Standards for Emergency Shelters and Permanent Housing***, located at <http://OneCPD.info/esg>.

The checklists below offer an optional format for documenting compliance with the appropriate standards. These are intended to:

1. Provide a clear summary of the requirements and an adaptable tool so recipients and subrecipients can formally assess their compliance with HUD requirements, identify and carry out corrective actions, and better prepare for monitoring visits by HUD staff.
2. Provide a tool for a recipient to monitor that its subrecipient is in compliance with HUD requirements. Where non-compliance is identified, the ESG recipient can use this information to require or assist the subrecipient to make necessary changes.

Prior to beginning the review, the subrecipient should organize relevant files and documents to help facilitate their review. For instance, this may include local or state inspection reports (fire-safety, food preparation, building/occupancy, etc.), or policy and procedure documents related to emergency shelter facility maintenance or renovations.

Carefully read each statement and indicate the shelter's or unit's status for each requirement (Approved or Deficient). Add any comments and corrective actions needed in the appropriate box. The reviewer should complete the information about the project, and sign and date the form. This template includes space for an "approving official," if the recipient or subrecipient has designated another authority to approve the review. When the assessment is complete, review it with program staff and develop an action plan for addressing any areas requiring corrective action.

Minimum Standards for Emergency Shelters

Instructions: Place a check mark in the correct column to indicate whether the property is approved or deficient with respect to each standard. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the shelter's files.

Approved	Deficient	Standard <i>(24 CFR part 576.403(b))</i>
		<p>1. <i>Structure and materials:</i></p> <p>a. The shelter building is structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.</p> <p>b. Any renovation (including major rehabilitation and conversion) carried out with ESG assistance uses Energy Star and WaterSense products and appliances.</p>
		<p>2. <i>Access.</i> Where applicable, the shelter is accessible in accordance with:</p> <p>a. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8;</p> <p>b. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100; and</p> <p>c. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) and 28 CFR part 35.</p>
		<p>3. <i>Space and security:</i> Except where the shelter is intended for day use only, the shelter provides each program participant in the shelter with an acceptable place to sleep and adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings.</p>
		<p>4. <i>Interior air quality:</i> Each room or space within the shelter has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.</p>
		<p>5. <i>Water Supply:</i> The shelter's water supply is free of contamination.</p>
		<p>6. <i>Sanitary Facilities:</i> Each program participant in the shelter has access to sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.</p>
		<p>7. <i>Thermal environment:</i> The shelter has any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.</p>
		<p>8. <i>Illumination and electricity:</i></p> <p>a. The shelter has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety.</p> <p>b. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the shelter.</p>
		<p>9. <i>Food preparation:</i> Food preparation areas, if any, contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.</p>
		<p>10. <i>Sanitary conditions:</i> The shelter is maintained in a sanitary condition.</p>
		<p>11. <i>Fire safety:</i></p> <p>a. There is at least one working smoke detector in each occupied unit of the shelter. Where possible, smoke detectors are located near sleeping areas.</p> <p>b. All public areas of the shelter have at least one working smoke detector.</p>

		<p>c. The fire alarm system is designed for hearing-impaired residents.</p> <p>d. There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.</p>
		12. If ESG funds were used for renovation or conversion, the shelter meets state or local government safety and sanitation standards, as applicable.
		13. Meets additional recipient/subrecipient standards (if any).

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

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

<p><u>COMMENTS:</u></p>

<p>ESG Recipient Name: _____</p> <p>ESG Subrecipient Name (if applicable): _____</p> <p>Emergency Shelter Name: _____</p> <p>Street Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Evaluator Signature: _____ Date of review: _____</p> <p>Evaluator Name: _____</p> <p>Approving Official Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Approving Official Name (if applicable): _____</p>

Minimum Standards for Permanent Housing

Instructions: Place a check mark in the correct column to indicate whether the property is approved or deficient with respect to each standard. The property must meet all standards in order to be approved. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the client file.

Approved	Deficient	Standard <i>(24 CFR part 576.403(c))</i>
		1. <i>Structure and materials:</i> The structure is structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.
		2. <i>Space and security:</i> Each resident is provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident is provided an acceptable place to sleep.
		3. <i>Interior air quality:</i> Each room or space has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
		4. <i>Water Supply:</i> The water supply is free from contamination.
		5. <i>Sanitary Facilities:</i> Residents have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
		6. <i>Thermal environment:</i> The housing has any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
		7. <i>Illumination and electricity:</i> The structure has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.
		8. <i>Food preparation:</i> All food preparation areas contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
		9. <i>Sanitary condition:</i> The housing is maintained in sanitary condition.
		10. <i>Fire safety:</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency. b. The unit includes at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors are located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. c. If the unit is occupied by hearing-impaired persons, smoke detectors have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person. d. The public areas are equipped with a sufficient number, but not less than one for each area, of battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas.
		11. Meets additional recipient/subrecipient standards (if any).

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

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

COMMENTS:

ESG Recipient Name: _____

ESG Subrecipient Name: _____

Program Participant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Apartment: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date of review: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Approving Official Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Approving Official Name (if applicable): _____

Exhibit B

ESG Lead Screening Worksheet

About this Tool

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

Instructions

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

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

Basic Information

Name of Participant:

Address:

Unit Number:

City:

State:

Zip:

ESG Program Staff:

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

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

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

1. Was the leased property constructed before 1978?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Part 2: Document Additional Exemptions

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

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

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

Yes
 No

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

Yes
 No

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

Yes
 No

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

Yes (Obtain documentation for the case file.)
 No

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

Yes
 No

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

Part 3: Determine the Presence of Deteriorated Paint

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

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/visualassessment/h00101.htm>. If no problems with paint surfaces are identified during the visual assessment, then no further action is required at this time.

Place this screening sheet and Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Certification Form in the program participant's file. If any problems with paint surfaces are identified during the visual assessment, then continue to Part 4 to determine whether safe work practices and clearance are required.

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

Yes
 No

2. Were any problems with paint surfaces identified in the unit during the visual assessment?

Yes

No (Complete Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Certification Form)

Part 4: Document the level of identified problems

All deteriorated paint identified during the visual assessment must be repaired prior to clearing the unit for assistance. However, if the area of paint to be stabilized exceeds the de minimus levels (defined below), the use of lead safe work practices and clearance is required.

If deteriorating paint exists but the area of paint to be stabilized does not exceed these levels, then the paint must be repaired prior to clearing the unit for assistance, but safe work practices and clearance are not required.

1. Does the area of paint to be stabilized exceed any of the de minimus levels below?

• 20 square feet on exterior surfaces Yes No

• 2 square feet in any one interior room or space Yes No

• 10 percent of the total surface area on an interior or exterior component with a small surface area, like window sills, baseboards, and trim Yes No

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

Part 5: Confirm all identified deteriorated paint has been stabilized

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

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

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

Yes

No

2. Have all identified problems with the paint surfaces been repaired?

Yes

No

3. Were all identified problems with paint surfaces repaired using safe work practices?

Yes

No

Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

3. Did an independent, certified lead professional conduct a clearance exam?

Yes

No

Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

4. Did the unit pass the clearance exam?

Yes

No

Not Applicable – The area of paint to be stabilized did not exceed the de minimus levels.

Note: A copy of the clearance report should be placed in the program participant's file.

LEAD-BASED PAINT VISUAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION

I, _____, CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:
(PRINT NAME)

- I have completed HUD's online visual assessment training and am a HUD-certified visual assessor.

- I conducted a visual assessment at _____ on _____
(PROPERTY ADDRESS AND UNIT NUMBER)

(DATE OF ASSESSMENT)

- No problems with paint surfaces were identified in the unit or in the building's common areas.

(Signature)

(Date)

Exhibit C

ESG Lead-Based Paint Document Checklist

About this Tool

The following checklist provides ESG recipients with an overview of common documents that can be used to verify compliance with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act. Note that this checklist does not cover all of the documentation that providers would want to include in all instances. For example, additional documentation may be required if the property is found to meet exemptions listed under Part 2 of the Lead Screening Worksheet.

Document Name	Purpose	✓
Application	Documents age of children	
Screenshot of property record from online tax database	Documents age of property	
Lead Screening Worksheet	Documents exemptions (additional documentation will vary based on exemption)	
Lead-Based Paint Visual Assessment Certification	Documents that a visual assessment was conducted and problems with paint surfaces were not identified	
Owner Certification (if applicable)	Documents owner certification that any identified problems with paint surfaces have been repaired and that safe work practices were followed, as applicable	
Clearance Report (if applicable)	Documents that unit passed clearance	
Documentation of ongoing maintenance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Assessment Certification Forms • Clearance report from each maintenance job involving painted surfaces above the de minimus threshold • Notice of lead hazard reduction for each maintenance job involving painted surfaces 	Documents that a visual assessment is performed at least annually during the assistance period and that any deteriorated paint was appropriately addressed (including clearance and notice of lead hazard reduction)	
Documentation of response to EIBLL child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of risk assessment • Abatement or clearance report • Relocation documents • Correspondence with health department 	Documents that if an EIBLL child was identified in the unit, the situation was addressed in accordance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule.	

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OVERVIEW

These standards will govern the CoC and ESG funded projects in the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. Each program may focus or operate with some variation; however, they will align with these guiding Coordinated Entry System standards.

The HEARTH Act requires the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care to have written policies and procedures that govern the provision of assistance to individuals and families. These policies and procedures provide guidance to local providers in administering CoC-funded assistance in the following areas:

Policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance;
The policies and procedures are not intended to be in lieu of or in place of the Interim Regulations for the HEARTH Act, but are intended to clarify local decisions regarding program administration. All HUD funded providers must follow the Interim Regulations in its entirety.

The FMCoC CES Policies and Procedures is a living document and subject to change. It will be reviewed and updated as needed, following best practices and FMCoC approval.

PURPOSE:

The Coordinated Entry System Committee was convened by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care to achieve the following goals:

To bring Fresno Madera Continuum of Care in compliance with Federal Regulations regarding coordinated assessment/entry that require “a centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.” Per the Regulations, this definition established the basic minimum requirements for the system that must be established within Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.

- Minimize barriers faced by individuals who are homeless in accessing the most appropriate and effective housing services to address their needs.
- Incorporate a “housing first” philosophy in matching homeless individuals with services.
- Use Homeless Management Information System - ServicePoint to maximize existing resources and simplify implementation.

The Coordinated Entry System Committee was created to meet these goals and to develop an appropriate documented process for coordinated entry for Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. As part of this work, the Coordinated Entry System Committee did the following:

- Reviewed best practices research and promising practices from other homeless systems.
- Reviewed assessment tools for service prioritization and diversion.

OVERSIGHT

The coordinated entry system process will be governed by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. This group will be responsible for:

- Providing general oversight and management of coordinated entry.
- Investigating and resolving consumer and provider complaints or concerns about the process, other than declined referrals.
- Providing information and feedback to the community at-large regarding the coordinated entry process.

EVALUATION

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System Committee meets twice a month to review the Coordinated Entry processes, including intake, assessment and referral. The coordinated entry process is evaluated by the FMCoC Evaluation Committee to ensure that it is operating at maximum efficiency and revisions are made to the Policies and Procedures as needed.

Additionally, the FMCoC CES committee will host an annual full day conference to evaluate the effectiveness of the established process. This conference will be open to any service providers (whether they are currently participating in coordinated entry or not) and participating households. This evaluation process will include interviews, surveys, and focus groups; this process will be announced by the FMCoC and open to the public.

Evaluation will include:

- Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the coordinated entry process.
- Reviewing performance data from the coordinated entry process.
- Recommending changes or improvements to the process based on performance data.
- Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the coordinated entry process.
 - Reviewing the Assessment (VI-SPDAT) and our Referral Process (Match Form) to ensure that our coordinated entry system meets the needs of our community.
- Reviewing performance data from the coordinated entry process.

- All data collected through the HMIS for the Coordinated Entry System will be reviewed
- Recommending changes or improvements to the process based on performance data.
- We will take feedback from all service providers and participating households

HUD REQUIREMENTS

Under the interim rule for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) CoC program, each CoC must establish and operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system (24 CFR 578.7(a)(8)). HUD defines a centralized or coordinated assessment system, often referred to as a "coordinated entry" system, as "a centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool" (24 CFR 578.3).

PARTNER AGENCIES

All programs that receive CoC, ESG, SSVF, or targeted VA funding are required by their funding sources to participate in Coordinated Entry System. All other programs serving persons who are homeless or are at risk of experiencing homelessness are encouraged and welcome to join Coordinated Entry System. In general, partner agencies are responsible for:

- Ensuring that clients seeking assistance have prompt access to screening and assessment in a safe and welcoming environment.
- Carrying out screening and assessment of clients, responding to their immediate needs, using Coordinated Entry System tools and technology, supporting referral of clients per Coordinated Entry System protocols, accepting client referrals per Coordinated Entry System protocols.
- Attending Coordinated Entry System trainings.
- Following Coordinated Entry System policies and procedures.
- For receiving agency – accepting and promptly acting on client referrals through Coordinated Entry System.
- Participating in case conferences requested to resolve housing placement issues or concerns.
- Abide by client eligibility and acceptance determination decision.
- Complying with fair housing legal requirements in all housing transactions and tenant selection plans and procedures.

DATA QUALITY AND PRIVACY

HMIS STANDARDS

Except as otherwise specified, data associated with the Coordinated Entry System should be stored in the FMCoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). All data entered into or accessed or retrieved from the HMIS must be protected and kept private in accordance with the HMIS Data and Technical Standards as announced by the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8).

Before collecting any information as part of the Coordinated Entry System, all staff and volunteers must first either

1. Obtain the participant's informed consent to share and store participant information for the purposes of assessing and referring participants through the Coordinated Entry process, or
2. Confirm that such consent has already been obtained and is still active. Whenever possible, the participant's consent should be in written form.

The FMCoC will not deny services to any participant based on that participant's refusal to allow their data to be stored or shared unless a Federal statute requires collection, use, storage, and reporting of a participant's personally identifiable information as a condition of program participation. Where appropriate, non-personally-identifiable information about participants who refuse consent to share personally identifiable data should be logged in an electronic case file that uses pseudonyms, e.g., "Jane Doe," to preserve as much non-personally-identifiable information as possible for statistical purposes.

The consistency, completeness, timelessness and accuracy of data entered into HMIS for the Coordinated Entry System should be checked at least once per month by the Community Coordinator as part of the community's overall efforts to continuously improve data quality. The FMCoC HMIS Administrators will provide training and technical assistance on request to anyone using the HMIS for Coordinated Entry System, who faces obstacles to inputting complete and accurate data, and may recommend and/or require technical assistance for providers who receive a low score on automated data quality reports.

WHAT DATA WILL BE COLLECTED

Data that is required to assess, prioritize, match, and refer a household for housing, homeless services, and/or mainstream resources will be collected by the Coordinated Entry System. This data will include HMIS Universal Data Elements, service prioritization assessment tool questions, and community related data

Data reports needed to assess and evaluate the Coordinated Entry System itself, such as system performance metrics and recidivism data should also be generated by the HMIS . Whenever possible, the Coordinated Entry System should avoid collecting personal data that is not needed for the above purposes.

WHO MAY ACCESS COORDINATED ENTRY DATA

Prior to accessing the Coordinated Entry in HMIS, individuals must complete the Coordinated Entry and VI-SPDAT training and successfully pass the Skilled Assessor test. The Community Coordinator will provide the names of the Skilled Assessor to the HMIS staff. HMIS staff will schedule data entry training with the identified Skilled Assessors. Skilled Assessors will have access to privileged information and are expected to maintain the confidentiality of applicants in line with HMIS data standards.

WHEN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE DATA CAN BE SHARED

It is often useful to share certain kinds of data collected during the Coordinated Entry process:

- Among different homeless service providers
- Between a homeless service provider and a mainstream resource provider such as Medicaid
- Between multiple data systems to reduce duplicative efforts and increase case coordination across providers and funding streams, *or*
- Aggregate data, with the general community for purposes of education and advocacy

However, in doing so, great care must be taken not to share personally identifiable data outside the context of the systems and purpose(s) covered by the client's affirmative consent.

Therefore, all entities that routinely share data with or receive data from the Coordinated Entry System must sign data-sharing agreements that obligate the entities to follow comparable privacy standards and that restrict the use of the data being shared to uses that are compatible with clients' consent.

In particular, personally identifiable data must always be used for the benefit of the client to which the data pertains, and not for the general convenience of other government entities. Requests for data made by Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, prosecutors, detectives, immigration officials, or by police officers who are not actively cooperating with the CoC through a Team should be refused unless the requesting party displays a valid warrant specifically ordering the release of the data, or with the client's affirmative written consent.

WHEN ANONYMOUS DATA CAN BE SHARED

Data that is truly anonymous can be shared for any legitimate purpose of the CoC, but care must be taken to ensure that data has been reliably stripped of all characteristics that could

conceivably be used to re-associate the data with a particular individual or household. Some characteristics that appear to be anonymous could be personally identifiable within the context of a relatively small community. For example, there may be only one formerly homeless person in the CoC who has a particular birthdate.

Similarly, a piece of data that is not personally identifiable in isolation may become personally identifiable when combined with other (supposedly) anonymous data. For instance, “chronically homeless” is not a personally identifiable characteristic, but if there are only three chronically homeless Hispanic veterans in the CoC, then informed observers may be able to match a case note made about a “chronically homeless Hispanic veteran” with a particular individual, thereby violating that individual’s privacy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PRIVACY POLICIES:

All efforts shall be made to protect the privacy and safety of domestic violence survivors and to uphold client choice by presenting a range of housing and service options. The following procedures are in place to do so.

- Programs which are primarily for survivors of violence are prohibited from contributing client-level data into the HMIS. However, these programs must record client-level data within a comparable internal database and be able to generate aggregate data for inclusion in reports.
- Non-victim service providers shall protect the privacy of individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee violence, by not including intake/treatment data in HMIS.
- The location of Domestic Violence shelters/programs shall not be made public.
- Staff responsible for coordinated intake/assessment shall receive training on protecting the safety and privacy of individuals who are fleeing, or attempting to flee violence.

For each program participant who has moved to a different Continuum of Care due to imminent threat of further violence under § 578.51(c)(3), the CoC program must retain:

Please remember, whoever has this information, if they are not a DV agency, this information can be gotten via a warrant and can be held against the victim or provide location information regarding the victim. The only agency that can withhold this information through the justice process is a Domestic Violence agency.

Documentation of the original incidence of violence –This may be written observation of the housing or service provider; a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom the victim has sought assistance; medical or dental records; court

records or law enforcement records; or written certification by the program participant to whom the violence occurred or by the head of household.

Documentation of the reasonable belief of imminent threat of further violence, which would include threats from a third-party, such as a friend or family member of the perpetrator of the violence. This may be written observation by the housing or service provider:

- a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom the victim has sought assistance;
- current restraining order; recent court order or other court records;
- law enforcement report or records;
- records of communication from the perpetrator of the violence or family members or friends of the perpetrator of the violence, including emails, voicemails, text messages, and social media posts; or a written certification by the program participant to whom the violence occurred or the head of household.

FAIR HOUSING

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care does not tolerate discrimination on the basis of any protected class (including actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status) during any phase of the Coordinated Entry process. Some programs may be forced to limit enrollment based on requirements imposed by their funding sources and/or state or federal law. For example, a HOPWA-funded project might be required to serve only participants who have HIV/AIDS. All such programs will avoid discrimination to the maximum extent allowed by their funding sources and their authorizing legislation. All aspects of the Fresno Madera Coordinated Entry System will comply with all Federal, State, and local Fair Housing laws and regulations.

Participants will not be “steered” toward any particular housing facility or neighborhood because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or the presence of children. All locations where persons are likely to access or attempt to access the Coordinated Entry System will include signs or brochures displayed in prominent locations informing participants of their right to file a discrimination complaint and containing the contact information needed to file a discrimination complaint. The requirements associated with filing a discrimination complaint, if any, will be included on the signs or brochures.

When a discrimination complaint is received, the FMCoC Executive Board will complete an investigation of the complaint within 60 days by attempting to contact and interview a

reasonable number of persons who are likely to have relevant knowledge, and by attempting to collect any documents that are likely to be relevant to the investigation. Within 30 days after completing the investigation, the FMCoC Executive Board will write an adequate report of the investigation's findings, including the investigator's opinion about whether inappropriate discrimination occurred and the action(s) recommended by the investigator to prevent discrimination from occurring in the future. The findings of the investigation will be shared with the Coordinated Entry System Committee. If appropriate, the investigator may recommend that the complainant be re-assessed or re-prioritized for housing or services. The report will be kept on file for two years.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

All Access sites, Assessment sites, Navigators, and Housing Providers must provide reasonable accommodations and modifications to persons with disabilities to ensure equal access to housing. The duty to provide reasonable accommodation requires Navigators and Providers to make changes to rules, policies, and procedures to allow a person with a disability to use and enjoy a dwelling. Navigators and Providers, however, are not required to undergo an undue financial burden and administrative hardship or make a fundamental alteration in the nature of the programs.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Cultural competence involves understanding and appropriately responding to the unique combination of cultural variables, including age, ability, beliefs, ethnicity, experiences, gender identity, gender, linguistic background, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status. Assessors and navigators are expected to be culturally competent and strongly encouraged to engage in training opportunities to build these skills. As part of this process assessors and navigators are advised to explore how their own values, biases, and beliefs influence their communication and service delivery. This self-reflection will help ensure that assessors and navigators are respectful of the different cultural backgrounds, preferences and practices of participants, and incorporate this information into participant action plans.

Assessors and navigators will continually build their culturally competent knowledge and skills as part of their everyday work, and will have many opportunities to share what they learn with their peers. They are also expected to draw upon their experiences and growing knowledge of

cultural competency to assess the cultural relevance of tools, assessments, and strategies, and to develop referral partnerships with culturally competent partners.

MARKETING

The FMCoC affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible households within the geographic area. Clients are able to access the various access sites and assessment within the FMCoC. Street outreach workers distribute information at places known to be frequented by the target population. In order to ensure access to all members of the community, interpretation services are also offered.

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System covers the entire Fresno Madera Counties geography, which is the same geography as the FMCoC. The coordinated entry system is well advertised and easily accessed.

The coordinated entry system is widely marketed and available to:

- All eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status;
- All populations and subpopulations in the FMCoC's geographic area, including people experiencing chronic and/or literal homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and individuals/families at imminent risk of homelessness have fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process, regardless of the location or method by which they access the system;
- Individuals with disabilities; and
- Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

Specific steps FMCoC CES provider(s) are taking to market the coordinated entry system include:

- Monthly email updates to the general community, service providers, and City and County departments;
- Posting of coordinated entry policies and other information on the FMCoC website and the social media platforms of the FMCoC;
- Informational flyers distributed at service locations in the community;
- Providing information about coordinated entry and the homeless response system, as well as access to coordinated entry services in accessible formats, such as large print, audio, Braille, interpreters, and sign language, when necessary. Additionally, some

coordinated entry staff are fluent in various languages and equipped to conduct intake, assessment, and diversion when possible;

- Direct outreach to people on the street and other sites where people experiencing homelessness access services and supports;
- Announcements regarding CES information and updates during FMCoC or other committee meetings related to the homeless response system;
- Educating mainstream service providers (including, but not limited to, County Department of Social Services, County Department of Behavioral Health, County Department of Public Health, Public Housing Authorities, Employment Services, School Districts, Mental Health providers, Health Care providers, Law Enforcement, Faith Based Organizations, Business Community, Landlords, and Substance Abuse providers) about how to refer someone who is literally homeless to the coordinated entry system.

EDUCATION POLICIES

Consistent with the CoC Program Interim Rule 24 CFR §578.23, it is important that all CoC and ESG programs collaborate with local education authorities in identifying and serving families that become homeless. All CoC and ESG programs assisting families with children or unaccompanied youth must:

- Take the educational needs of children into account when placing families in housing and will, to the maximum extent practicable, place families with children as close as possible to their school of origin so as not to disrupt such children's education
- Inform families with children and unaccompanied youth of their educational rights, including providing written materials, help with enrollment and linkage to McKinney Vento Liaisons as part of intake procedures.
- Not require children and unaccompanied youth to enroll in a new school as a condition of receiving services.
- Allow parents or the youth (if unaccompanied) to make decisions about school placement.
- Not require children and unaccompanied youth to attend after-school or educational programs that would replace/interfere with regular day school or prohibit them from staying enrolled in their original school.
- Post notices of student's rights at each program site that serves homeless children and families in appropriate languages.
- Designate staff that will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that homeless children and youth in their programs are in school and are receiving all educational services they are entitled to.
- Coordinating with the CoC, the Department of Social Services, the County Office of Education, the McKinney Vento Coordinator, the McKinney Vento Educational Liaisons, and other mainstream providers as needed.

In order to ensure compliance and to assist providers in meeting these requirements, the CoC will provide training on these issues at least annually and will include compliance with these procedures these in their monitoring processes.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS:

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care funds the following program types: Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, Planning, Rapid Rehousing, and Coordinated Entry. As set forth in the HEARTH Act, there are four categories of eligibility:

1. Literally Homeless,
2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness,
3. Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes (subject to cap), and
4. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence.

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care elects to serve categories 1, 2, and 4 due to the shortage of resources for those priority populations and excessive demand.

Documentation must be included in the case file, and/or scanned into the HMIS client record that demonstrates eligibility as follows:

- 1) Literally Homeless (in order of preference)
 - Third party verification (HMIS print-out, or written referral/certification by another housing or service provider); or
 - Written observation by an outreach worker; or
 - Certification by the individual or head of household seeking assistance stating that (s)he was living on the streets or in shelter;
 - If the provider is using anything other than a Third Party Verification, the case file must include documentation of due diligence to obtain third party verification.
- 2) Imminent Risk of Homelessness
 - A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days; or
 - For individual and families leaving a hotel or motel – evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; or

- A documented and verified written or oral statement that the individual or family will be literally homeless within 14 days; and
 - Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - Self-certification or other written documentation that the individual lacks the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing.
- 3) NOT APPLICABLE – Homeless Under Other Federal Statute
- 4) Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV

For victim service providers:

- An oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance which states: they are fleeing domestic violence; they have no safe place to go to; they have no subsequent residence; and they lack resources. Statement must be documented by a self-certification or a certification by the intake worker.

For non-victim service providers:

- Oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance that they are fleeing. This statement is documented by a self-certification or by the caseworker. Where the safety of the individual or family is not jeopardized, the oral statement must be verified; and
- Certification by the individual or head of household that no subsequent residence has been identified; and
- Self-certification or other written documentation, that the individual or family lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

As defined in the HEARTH Act, eligibility for Permanent Supportive Housing is limited to categories 1 and 4. Participants must also:

- Enter from the street or shelter, or a transitional housing program to which they originally entered from the street or shelter (NOTE: if the project is designated for chronically homeless, they may only enter from the street or shelter. Individuals may lose their chronically homeless designation after they enter a transitional housing program); and
- At least one member of the household must have a disability of long duration, verified either by Social Security or a licensed professional that meets the state criteria for diagnosing and treating that condition.

OUTREACH

Outreach Teams (OTs) will cover the entire Fresno Madera Continuum of Care geographic area to reach out to as many individuals as possible in both city and county. OTs will be responsible for engagement and rapport building with individuals and families who are homeless and are not being served, adverse to services, and/or are underserved by existing community service delivery systems. As a primary Access point into the Coordinated Entry System, the OTs are responsible for locating, engaging, transporting, and referring clients to appropriate services as well as navigating clients through the documentation gathering process. Occasionally, OTs will provide basic survival supplies when available i.e. hygiene packs, blankets, water, snacks, etc. OTs are responsible for connecting clients to physical health, mental health, alcohol and other drug services/programs in the community. OTs will be trained to assess current client needs and make the appropriate referrals for which clients are eligible. OTs are to enter all contacts with clients into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to better establish a Homelessness timeline and to ensure all communication, referrals and services provided to clients are documented. OTs responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receive diversion training;
- Responsible for learning about the different Community resources to better assist clients and continue to update information among teammates;
- Receive HMIS Training: data collection and data entry;
- Work in collaboration with the Law Enforcement when requested;
- Respond to encampment referrals from community providers and community constituents;
- Provide continuous coverage of the geographic area to maintain communications with clients, especially, those with a high vulnerability score;
- Receive “Scenarios” training, “engagement” training, etc.;
- Maintain continued communication with other OT members regarding high risk incidents out on the field. i.e., areas to be cautious of and potentially dangerous locations;
- OTs should meet to debrief the last 30 minutes of outreach event.

Recommendations:

- All OTs are to wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes while out on the field as you might find yourself going through rigid terrain such as, river banks, canal banks, rocky areas, etc.
- OTs should be alert of their surroundings and in the event that you feel uncomfortable you may leave the area and contact your Community Coordinator.

- Outreach specialist should always be in teams of at least 2 people and be within sight of each other at all time.
- OTs should have some sort of instant messenger to blast out text messages when someone is doing outreach and something dangerous happens/to alert other OT members of incidents.
- OTs are recommended to not wear expensive jewelry and or agency logos. (Representing FMCoC rather than individual agencies.)
- OTs are recommended to use one of the recommended outreach log to better record client contacts/engagement dates into HMIS.
- When transporting a client, a client's belonging should be placed in the trunk of the vehicle until arrival at destination

Following the intake, the OT may complete the VI-SPDAT, an additional assessment tool that will be used by our Coordinated Entry System to prioritize clients based on vulnerability factors and determine what housing interventions best fits the client's needs. OT staff will complete the VI-SPDAT with clients as follows:

- For Adult Only households, the VI-SPDAT will be completed as a part of the client's treatment plan when the household has been homeless for at least 7 days or more;
- Family household with children and transitioned-age youth, at the point of literal homelessness.

VI-SPDAT assessments should be updated when risks and circumstances of the client's life have changed or every 2 years, whichever comes first.

If pre-screening/screening questions determine that a consumer has an emergency need for medical care or shelter, the client will be immediately considered for referral to the appropriate emergency care center, such as a hospital or emergency shelter.

Emergency Services: When Access Points are closed, adults and families have access to available emergency shelter. Since some emergency services are not prioritized through coordinated entry, participants can access those services on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, via direct communications or marketing materials staff at emergency shelters actively connect participants to the Access Points.

**For Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Geographic Area
Emergency Housing/Shelter 24 hrs/day:
Fresno County: Contact MAP Point at 559-512-6777
Madera County: Contact Madera Rescue Mission at 559-675-8321**

The FMCoC CES Policies and Procedures is a living document and subject to change. It will be reviewed and updated as needed, following best practices and FMCoC approval.

ACCESS

Access refers to how people experiencing a housing crisis learn that coordinated entry exists and how to access services. One of the primary goals of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care's (FMCoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) is to ensure that client access be easy, fast, and offers immediate engagement. Therefore, our Coordinated Entry System offers multiple points of access for people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. Access sites serve as the community connector to the FMCoC's CES and offer direct services or provide warm hand-offs through referrals to all populations and subpopulations in the FMCoC's geographic area, including people experiencing chronic and/or literal homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and individuals/families at imminent risk of homelessness.

Access Sites (physical site and/or street outreach) will complete the Data Collection Form, when an individual/family presents with a housing crisis and is open to services, to help determine if the household can be diverted from entering the homeless response system by utilizing mainstream resources. Access sites will make referrals to mainstream services and assist in navigating services to the extent possible. If the household is unable to be diverted, the household will be referred to prevention or emergency shelter services (shelter, dv shelter, safe house, or motel voucher). Access sites will consider the unique rights and needs of all populations including people experiencing chronic and/or literal homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and individuals/families at imminent risk of homelessness.

A provider must sign a Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Participation Agreement agreeing to the operational guidelines of the coordinated entry process. Physical access sites are to be located near public transportation and in proximity to known homeless populations. They can vary in size and configuration and can be collocated with other service programs. All physical sites must be handicap accessible.

In addition, any agency serving as an access point must coordinate with the appropriate victim services provider around safety planning and must participate in any trainings provided on how to carry out appropriate safety planning and how to ensure trauma-informed, culturally appropriate services.

Access Sites (physical site and/or street outreach) are expected to agree to the following:

- Ensure compliance with data privacy and policies.

- Provide Data Collection Form for all households who request entry into the homeless response system.
 - a. If entry meets criteria for diversion, provide information or referrals to prevention and diversion resources.
 - b. If entry into the homeless response system is necessary, link directly to Emergency Shelter, and/or to Assessment site.
- For Access site – Provide **at least (1) Access day a week.**
- For Street Outreach participation (HOME Team) – **Attend at least 50% of monthly events.**
- Track and share documentation of screenings by entering the completed Data Collection Form in HMIS (or a comparable database for victim service providers) immediately.
- Attend required FMCoC CES trainings.
- Ensure that no referrals for homeless services are made without first completing the Data Collection Form.
- Provide feedback for annual CES evaluation.
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Procedure:

1. Identify Housing Crisis
2. Complete Data Collection Form
 - a. While completing Data Collection Form, Access staff will empower household to identify possible housing crisis solutions though:
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Diversion
 - Rapid Exit
3. Inform consumers of CES Rights & Responsibilities & Complete HMIS Release of Information
4. Enter completed Data Collection Form in HMIS (or a comparable database for victim service providers) immediately
5. If no viable safe housing solution could be identified, household will be connected to available emergency shelter.
 - Household will continue to work with shelter staff and/or navigator in identifying housing solutions.
 - If household enters shelter, homeless verification will be requested to be completed at the shelter.
6. If household does not enter shelter, a referral to street outreach will be completed and submitted to Community Coordinator for follow-up.

7. **Training:** All Access staff receive training on Coordinated Entry. Training ensures that policies and procedures are fairly and consistently applied and high-quality services are delivered to households seeking homelessness assistance from access sites. Training opportunities are provided at least once annually to organizations and staff that serve as FMCoC approved access sites. Training provides access site staff with clear direction on how screenings are to be conducted in-line the Coordinated Entry written policies and procedures, to ensure uniform decision-making and referrals.

DIVERSION

Diversion is a strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services to help them return to permanent housing. Diversion engages households early in their homeless crisis so they can move quickly into safe housing. It is focused on helping households move past the immediate barriers they face in obtaining safe housing.

Diversion is pursued as a potential solution for households to become housed safely and quickly, without requiring more intensive services. If no realistic options for housing emerge through the Diversion conversation, households continue with the Coordinated Entry System and are assessed and prioritized for deeper housing interventions.

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care will practice diversion at system entry and throughout the entire CES process.

Diversion will either:

1. Empower individuals/households to identify possible housing solutions based on their own resources. This could include:
 - a. Permanent housing on their own
 - b. Viable, safe, permanent shared housing with family and/or friends
 - c. Viable, safe shared housing with family and/or friends, with a plan for permanency
2. Refer to mainstream resources;
3. Provide the minimum assistance necessary for the shortest time possible;
4. Connect to emergency shelter services; or
5. In rare cases, immediately connect to Vulnerability Assessment (VI-SPDAT).

Utilizing Diversion Strategies:

Who: At minimum all FMCoC Access site staff including but not limited to street outreach, MAP navigators, and shelter staff. Staff trained in the skills of diversion will support households through focused problem-solving. They will deliver expertise, encouragement, and a flexible combination of short-term services.

What: Variety of short-term services, which can include:

- Generating housing leads for households, often by leveraging existing relationships they have with landlords.
- Mediating conflicts between households and landlords, relatives or friends who may be able to offer housing.
- Connecting households to other community resources.

When: Begins as a first step to anyone trying to connect to Coordinated Entry System and continues throughout the entire process.

Where: All FMCoC Approved Access and Assessment sites including street outreach, MAP Points, shelters, etc.

Procedure:

1. Explain the diversion conversation.

- a. “Our goal is to learn more about your specific housing situation right now. Together we can identify the best possible way to get you a place to stay tonight and find safe, permanent housing as quickly as possible. That might mean staying in shelter tonight, but we want to avoid that if at all possible. We will work with you to find a more stable alternative if we can.”

If indicated that the place where they stayed is unsafe, ask why it is unsafe. (If fleeing domestic violence, refer them to law enforcement and/or the appropriate local domestic violence provider. For Fresno County – Marjaree Mason Center (559) 233-4357. For Madera County – 1 (800) 355-8989

2. Complete Diversion & Prevention Screening Form

- a. Submit completed screening tool to Housing Matcher within 72 hours of completion.
- b. If eligible for Homelessness Prevention referral, Housing Matcher will submit response to Diversion Specialist within 72 hours.

3. Housing planning

- a. Households that are unable to identify realistic options for housing through Diversion are assessed and prioritized for deeper housing interventions.

Diversion Training:

The Coordinated Entry System Committee will develop and conduct training on diversion, as a part of the CES training protocol. Training materials from OrgCode Consulting, Inc., as well as other best practice models will be utilized. The training curriculum will focus on techniques of effective communications and conflict mediation. Staff will be trained to guide the diversion process along while always letting the households take charge in finding a housing solution.

Self-Resolution is real and possible

Create an environment where self-resolution is normalized and expected rather than the exception.

ASSESSMENT SITES

To ensure easy access to assistance, Coordinated Entry System provides access to assessments, housing, and services from multiple, convenient locations throughout the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. The homeless person in need may initiate a request for housing by walking into or calling any participating program or through contact with a street outreach program. The minimum requirements for a program to participate as a physical access point are:

- Have user access to HMIS.
- Ensure compliance with data privacy and policies.
- Have at least one trained Assessor and authorized both to use of HMIS and to conduct the VI-SPDAT assessment; this may include a community volunteer who is trained and authorized by the FMCoC, and is connected to a CES participating agency.
- Agree to follow CES policies and procedures, community guidelines for conducting assessments and communicating about coordinated entry.
- Agree to provide additional referrals to other community services, as appropriate, to people completing the assessment.

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT TOOL: VI-SPDAT

As mentioned above, Coordinated Entry System uses the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as the standard assessment tool. The VI-SPDAT is built into HMIS. The VI-SPDAT is completed in HMIS with all individuals and families who are homeless under HUD’s definition of homelessness. The assessment can only be

conducted by a qualified agency or program assessor participating in CES and trained in HMIS. The VI-SPDAT is generally conducted no sooner than a seven night stay in an emergency shelter, three street outreach contacts, and/or when a Homeless Verification can be attained.

WHAT IS THE VI-SPDAT?

The VI-SPDAT is a pre-screening, or triage tool that is designed to be used by all providers within a community to quickly assess the health and social needs of homeless persons and match them with the most appropriate support and housing interventions that are available. A triage tool like the VI-SPDAT allows homeless service providers to similarly assess and prioritize the universe of people who are homeless in their community and identify who to treat first based on the acuity (severity) of their needs. It is a brief survey that service providers, outreach workers, and even volunteers can use to determine an acuity score for each homeless person who participates. The scores can then be compared and used to identify and prioritize candidates for different housing interventions based upon their acuity. **NOTE: The VI-SPDAT score is not used solely for prioritization.** Using the VI-SPDAT, providers can move beyond only assisting those who present at their particular agency and begin to work together to prioritize all homeless people in the community, regardless of where they are assessed, in a consistent and transparent manner.

PRE-SCREENING

As a first step, the individual or family should be asked basic pre-screening questions to determine if they need homelessness assistance, whether they have already received the VI-SPDAT, and whether they are a member of special population requiring specialized assistance. ***If the individual or family is not homeless, the assessment process should not be continued. Rather, they should be provided or directed to other more appropriate services, e.g., prevention services if they are at risk of homelessness.***

If the individual or family does need homelessness assistance, staff should check HMIS to see if they have already received the VI-SPDAT in the past year. If not, or if it seems their situation has changed significantly since the last time, the assessment can proceed.

If the individual or family is: fleeing domestic violence (DV) situations or otherwise meets the criteria of category (4) of the definition of Homelessness¹; an unaccompanied youth under 18 years of age; or a veteran of active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, then the procedures under Unique Procedures for Special Populations below should be followed.

COMMUNICATION

The assessment should be conducted in a setting that promotes safety, privacy, and confidentiality. Staff conducting the assessment should follow community guidelines below for explaining the assessment process and benefits. Key points that may be covered include:

- That the assessment takes about 10 minutes and most responses are “yes” or “no,” or just one word.
- That the collected information will be entered into HMIS, which will help ensure that they will only need to complete the assessment once, that they will go onto the master list, and that they will not have to go around to different agencies getting on separate waiting lists.
- That if they have an existing case manager helping them apply for housing, they should continue working with that case manager.
- That the assessment will help result in a recommended housing intervention.
- That due to limited housing availability, it is unlikely that the recommended intervention will be available immediately, and it is important provide up-to-date contact information for when the intervention does become available, and to immediately call their navigator to inform staff of any contact information changes.
- That the assessment is voluntary, but that completing it will make it easier to provide the assistance needed and will allow them to be placed on the master list for referrals.
- That the assessment will be conducted and entered into HMIS only if a Release of Information (ROI) is signed.

The VI-SPDAT is designed and structured to only use self-report. A person who is being surveyed using the VI-SPDAT should be able to complete it with anyone, not just the people who know her/his case history or have other information from other circumstances or sources. As a self-reported tool, the sequence is vitally important. ***The order of the VI-SPDAT cannot change.***

HOW OFTEN CAN WE DO A NEW VI-SPDAT?

The general policy is 2 years is appropriate to do a new VI-SPDAT (if there have been no breaks in homelessness), but first there should be a discussion with the person seeking assistance about what circumstances have changed and why they are requesting another VI-SPDAT assessment to be completed.

If a person has been housed and re-enters into homelessness, a new VI-SPDAT needs to be completed.

Remember, if you do a new VI-SPDAT you must update the score on the referral so it keeps the client's situation accurate.

VI-SPDAT AND COORDINATED ENTRY CONSENT

An individual must provide informed consent prior to the VI-SPDAT being completed. You cannot complete a VI-SPDAT with a client without that person's knowledge and explicit

agreement. You also cannot complete the VI- SPDAT solely through observation or using known information within your organization.

TRAINING AND AUTHORIZATION OF USERS

As mentioned above, the VI-SPDAT can only be conducted by agency staff (or volunteers who are connected to the agency) who have successfully completed training and been authorized by the FMCoC as the Coordinated Entry System lead agency. Trainings are coordinated by CoC staff and include but are not limited to training on:

- Using HMIS
- Completing the VI-SPDAT

MASTER BY NAME LIST

The Master by Name List includes all data fields necessary to measure each of the four Federal benchmarks, found on the Hud Exchange website as well as other fields to support tracking, case conferencing, and rapid movement to permanent housing. The by name list is thought of as a universal registry within HMIS. Each Assessor and Outreach Specialist will receive access via HMIS to enter completed VI-SPDATs and or outreach contacts, after successful data collection and data entry training as well as a signed User Agreement form, for inclusion on the list for purposes of prioritization and housing placement. FMCoC and ESG funded agencies must make and take referrals off of this list for their programs.

BY NAME LIST INACTIVE POLICY

The Inactive Policy is a critical component of maintaining a real-time by-name list as well as a robust Coordinated Entry System. To ensure an efficient assessment and referral process, it is important to ensure that the Coordinated Entry System Navigators and Outreach teams have the ability to contact and connect with households as soon as a housing opportunity is available. Without the policy, the Coordinated Entry System can experience delays in its referral procedures due to the time spent searching for households in the community who they have not been able to reach through multiple attempts, often for many months. Due to this loss of contact it is hard for the system to determine whether these households are still in need of housing. In some situations, these households may have self-resolved their housing crisis or relocated to another area.

If a household has had no contact with any Coordinated Entry Access points, System Navigators and/or Community Outreach for **90 days**, and they have had no services or shelter stays in HMIS for the past **3 months**, the household will be moved from “Active” status to “Inactive-Unknown/Missing” status. Inactive status is defined as no known contact with any service provider in the community for **90 days**. When a client is moved to inactive, he/she is not deleted from the list; clients can change from inactive to active anytime they access services; this will not affect their position on the list. If a household on the inactive list makes contact with the homeless system including outreach workers, drop-in centers, shelters, etc., they are moved from inactive status to active status and can be referred to housing openings once they have fully re-engaged with the system which may include re-assessment of their vulnerability.

FMCoC Navigators and Outreach team members will be responsible for submitting weekly updates to the by-name list and entering data into HMIS. The Community Coordinator will review the updates, and make changes to the household status during the weekly case conferencing meeting.

PRIORITIZING

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care prioritizes chronically homeless individuals and families and has committed to adopting a Housing First approach in CoC/ESG programs.

For homeless families with children, FMCoC seeks to mediate/prevent homelessness whenever possible, reduce the homeless episode for families through rapid rehousing (RRH) and shelter/transitional housing focused on moving families from homelessness to permanent housing as soon as possible, and permanently house the most vulnerable families, as resources are available. Information is gathered to determine the “best fit” intervention to prioritize families for more intensive services, as needed, using the VI-SPDAT assessment through the Coordinated Entry System. Rapid Re-Housing projects serving homeless families with children will strive to place clients into permanent housing within 30 days of entering homelessness, and will not screen out families based on any criteria that will not impact future housing success, including age, gender or marital status.

For vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals, FMCoC utilizes the VI-SPDAT CoC-wide, which identifies those most at risk of dying on the street and will prioritize placement and services for those highest in need, and the SPDAT, for more in-depth understanding of participants and even more tailored placement and services. Referral systems are already in place and continue to be expanded for greater coverage.

Note: the VISPDAT scores listed above, do not mean a household cannot be referred to a different housing intervention. For example: if a household scores 10 on the Family VI-SPDAT,

but there are no Permanent Supportive Housing slots available, the household may be referred to Transitional housing as a temporary measure if space is available.

If individuals are not chronically homeless, they will be targeted for the rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent housing, or income-based housing intervention that they are best matched to. Non-chronically homeless individuals who identify a substance abuse and/or mental health disorder and interest in receiving services for these concerns will be referred to the appropriate residential treatment programs.

The Fresno Madera CoC has adopted the order of priority described in HUD's Notice CPD 14-012.

Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Permanent Supportive Housing Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

- A. First Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness and with the Most Severe Service Needs. A chronically homeless individual or head of household as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 for whom both of the following are true:
 - The chronically homeless individual or head of household of a family has been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter for at least 12 months either continuously or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the cumulative total length of the four occasions equals at least 12 months; and
 - The CoC or CoC Program recipient has identified the chronically homeless individual or head of household, who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of the definition for chronically homeless, of the family as having severe service needs (see Section I.D.3. of this Notice for definition of severe service needs).
- B. Second Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness. A chronically homeless individual or head of household, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3, for which both of the following are true:
 - The chronically homeless individual or head of household of a family has been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter for at least 12 months either continuously or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the cumulative total length of the four occasions equals at least 12 months; and,

- The CoC or CoC program recipient has not identified the chronically homeless individual or the head of household, who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of the definition for chronically homeless, of the family as having severe service needs.
- C. Third Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs. A chronically homeless individual or head of household as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 for whom both of the following are true:
- The chronically homeless individual or head of household of a family has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the total length of those separate occasions equals less than one year; and
 - The CoC or CoC program recipient has identified the chronically homeless individual or the head of household, who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of the definition for chronically homeless, of the family as having severe service needs.
- D. Fourth Priority—All Other Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families. A chronically homeless individual or head of household as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 for whom both of the following are true:
- The chronically homeless individual or head of household of a family has been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter for on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the cumulative total length the four occasions is less than 12 months; and
 - The CoC or CoC program recipient has not identified the chronically homeless individual or the head of household, who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of the definition for chronically homeless, of the family as having severe service needs

Order of Priority in Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Prioritized for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

- A. First Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with the Most Severe Service Needs. An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who has been living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter for any period of time, including persons exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less but were living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately prior to entering the institution and has been identified as having the most severe service needs.
- B. Second Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with a Long Period of Continuous or Episodic Homelessness. An individual or family that is eligible for CoC

Program-funded PSH who has been living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 6 months or on at least three separate occasions in the last 3 years where the cumulative total is at least 6 months. This includes persons exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less but were living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately prior to entering the institution and had been living or residing in one of those locations for at least 6 months or on at least three separate occasions in the last 3 years where the cumulative total is at least 6 months.

- C. Third Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with Disability Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Havens, or Emergency Shelters. An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter. This includes persons exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less but were living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately prior to entering the institution.
- D. Fourth Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Transitional Housing. An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who is coming from transitional housing, where prior to residing in the transitional housing lived on streets or in an emergency shelter, or safe haven. This priority also includes homeless individuals and homeless households with children with a qualifying disability who were fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and are living in transitional housing—all are eligible for PSH even if they did not live on the streets, emergency shelters, or safe havens prior to entry in the transitional housing

NAVIGATION

NAVIGATOR

The Navigator will identify and build rapport with homeless individuals and families living on the street, emergency shelter, safe haven, or in other places not meant for human habitation. The Navigator will assist clients in breaking the cycle of homelessness by moving from the street to interim housing, accessing necessary social services, and rapidly obtaining permanent housing. The Navigator will provide individualized client support throughout this entire journey by helping each client address any barriers to obtaining permanent housing. This includes linking with services to increase income (employment or benefit enrollment), identifying and accessing physical health, behavioral health and/or mental health resources as needed. The

Navigator will work closely with the Community Coordinator to track homeless trends and work with the Housing Matcher for appropriate referrals to housing.

- Work with clients to address barriers to housing.
- Perform outreach services, contacting homeless persons in all places where they congregate in the geographic areas of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.
- Provide supportive services in a non-judgmental manner.
- Ability to transport clients to appropriate services.
- Provide information, referrals, linkages, and advocacy to assist clients in accessing services and resources.
- Assist clients with procuring necessary documents and services such as identification card, birth certificate, social security income, disability income/verification, certification of homelessness, and other documents as needed.
- Participate in all case-conferencing related to client work and progress.
- Once a housing match is made, work with Housing Matcher to identify appropriate permanent housing options for clients such as subsidized housing, Section 8, Shelter Plus Care, and VASH, as well permanent supportive housing, affordable and market rate housing, and other housing opportunities. Assist clients with housing applications, complete supportive and subsidized housing paperwork, survey rental market for affordable housing, and advocate for clients with prospective landlords.

DOCUMENT READY

Documentation offers a simple example. From birth certificates to proof of military service, people experiencing homelessness must secure a variety of documents to move into housing, and these documents can often be difficult to acquire for those without the contacts or system knowledge to know how to get what they need. Experienced, well connected housing navigators can fast track the process by maintaining an updated list of local agency contacts and key documents required for each local housing and service offering

CASE CONFERENCING

A routine, centralized process in which the Community Coordinator, Housing Matcher, and navigators monitor and advance the progress of various people toward housing. If navigation is a way to connect people experiencing homelessness with navigators, case conferencing connects those navigators to each other so they can strategize around all of their homeless clients' needs at once. This process also allows our community to translate individual data points into a bigger picture snapshot, enabling evaluation, troubleshooting and process

improvement across the entire local housing placement system. The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care has designated the Community Coordinator as the point person to act as the “air traffic controller,” coordinating the work of all local housing navigators in real time.

Goal of Case Conferencing

1. To ensure holistic, coordinated, and integrated, assistance across providers for all people experiencing homelessness in the FMCoC;
2. To review progress and barriers related to each person’s housing goal;
3. To identify and track systemic barriers and strategize solutions across multiple providers;
4. To clarify roles and responsibilities and reduce duplication of services.

CASE CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Identification of People to Review: It is important to keep the primary focus on reviewing the most vulnerable persons from the Master By Name List, with greatest barriers to shelter and rapid placement in permanent housing.

Representing Organizations: Agency representation from all housing and service providers will be based on those who serve homeless persons in the community. Recommended agencies include: those who have in-depth knowledge about the status, needs and preferences of each person being reviewed and who are able to make decisions regarding provision of shelter, services or housing assistance. This may be a program director, program manager, coordinator, housing specialist or case manager.

MATCHING

MATCHING TO PROGRAM TYPE

The Housing Matcher will work with Housing Program Administrators, Case Managers, and Navigators with matching homeless clients within the Fresno/Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) to housing programs offered within the FMCoC. The Housing Matcher will process Match Forms and facilitate Navigator communications with matched programs to present to homeless clients to better foster client choice. The Housing Matcher will work closely with the Community Coordinator and HMIS Data Administrator to track homeless trends, all the while

working with the Navigators to ensure timely documentation and completion of permanent housing efforts culminating in the successful housing of homeless clients.

Matching Procedures/Processes:

1. Clients that are considered CES Match Form Final submission ready, are to be presented by their Navigator at the weekly Navigators meeting to identify if they are
 - on the BNL,
 - entered into HMIS, and
 - document ready.
2. The Navigator will receive endorsement from the Navigation team to complete and email the match form to the Matcher, Community Coordinator and HMIS Data Administrator.
3. The Matcher will send a reply message to both the Navigator and the Community Coordinator confirming receipt of the Match form and clarifying any missing/incomplete data.
4. The Matcher will run the eligibility matrix within HMIS to identify matches to Housing Programs.
5. The Matcher will consult existing Housing Program censuses and/or contact Housing Program Administrators/Case Managers directly to confirm housing availability.
6. The Matcher will send the Matching Confirmation Final form to the Navigator, Community Coordinator and Housing Program/s to which programs the clients have been matched to.
7. The Navigator will present the Housing Program matches to the client and report to the Matcher when, and to which programs the client has chosen
8. The Matcher will notify the Housing Program Administrator/Case Manager of the clients decision to apply for their program and assist in the coordination of that initial meeting (case staffing) between the Navigator, client and Housing Program official.
9. The Navigator will work with the client to complete all necessary program applications, home finding efforts and any additional documentation as required.
10. Once housing placement is accepted by both the client and the program, the housing provider will notify both the Matcher, HMIS Data Administrator and the Community Coordinator of the housed date.
11. The Matcher will maintain a log of match forms submitted and matches completed. This information will be provided to the Community Coordinator on a weekly basis at the Navigators meeting to reflect housing progress that may then be recorded in the Notes section of the BNL.

Data Management:

- Maintain client related data tracking systems and complete HMIS entries.
- Generate client data for weekly and monthly reports, including outcomes, successes and challenges and submit to Community Coordinator. The VI-SPDAT score and master list are used by CoC staff to sort all individuals and families assessed by housing intervention type. This improves cost efficiency and program effectiveness system-wide. Those with high acuity scores are matched to permanent supportive housing, medium acuity scores to transitional housing, low-medium acuity scores to RRH, and low acuity scores to other appropriate interventions.

HOUSING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY DETAILS AND BED/UNIT AVAILABILITY

The Housing Matcher will keep an inventory and basic eligibility information for each participating housing program.

Participating agencies that use HMIS enter their basic program inventory and eligibility information into HMIS. All programs use HMIS to update their current bed/unit availability. The eligibility criteria are used, along with the local eligibility limits, to ensure that only eligible clients for a particular program or unit are referred to that program or unit.

In general, participating agencies must work consistently with the Housing Matcher to make sure their inventory, eligibility, and bed/unit availability information is always up-to-date.

Create and share written eligibility standards. Participating provider agencies will provide detailed written guidance for client eligibility and enrollment determinations. Eligibility criteria should be limited to that required by the funder and any requirements beyond those required by the funder will be reviewed and a plan to reduce or eliminate them will be explored with the Evaluation Committee. This may include funder-specific requirements for eligibility and program-defined requirements. These standards will be shared with the Coordinated Entry Manager as well as the Evaluation Committee.

Communicate vacancies: As a general rule, a provider who wishes to fill a homeless-mandated unit from an alternative source based on a belief that the Coordinated Entry System has not provided timely referrals must perform all of the following tasks before unilaterally filling a vacancy:

- 1) Send an e-mail to the Housing Matcher alerting them that the program has a current vacancy,

- 2) Wait for a minimum of three business days,
- 3) Send a second e-mail to the Housing Matcher and to the Coordinated Entry Committee that either explicitly states that no referrals have been received, or that explains why each of the referrals that have been received could not be used to fill the vacancy, AND
- 4) Wait for an additional four business days without receiving any new referrals.
- 5) After 7 Calendar days, the agency may divert from using CES as their primary referral source.

Limit enrollment to participants referred through the defined access point(s). Each bed, unit, or voucher that is required to serve someone who is homeless must receive their referrals through the Coordinated Entry System. Any agency filling homeless mandated units from alternative sources will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee for compliance.

BRIDGE POINT HOUSING

Bridge Point is a 30 day emergency shelter housing option for individual clients working through the Coordinated Entry System. Bridge Housing is available for clients who have an active housing plan (housing will occur within 30 days) in place. Prior to referring a client to Bridge Point, a Match Form should have been submitted to the Housing Matcher.

PROCEDURES

- Client must be assigned to a navigator or designated agency staff
- Navigators or assigned agency staff are to submit Bridge Point referral to bridge point
- Housing plan/destination must be notated on referral form
- All clients are to have a VI-SPDAT completed and have documents necessary to transition to housing before entry into Bridge Point
- Navigators must review Bridge Point acceptance agreement with client (client and navigator must sign)
- Case staffing must be conducted within 72 hours of client entry into Bridge Point to include housing exit strategy (client, bridge point staff, and navigator must be present)
- Navigators must make weekly contact with his/her client
- Sign in/out sheet must be completed upon entering Bridge Point (staff name, client, number of hours with client)
- Communicate with Bridge staff on progress of client

- Clients to be at Bridge point less than 30 days. Discharge date will be 30 days after entry. Navigators will be responsible for enforcing the discharge date and will be contacted by Bridge Point staff the week prior to discharge date.

PROVISIONS

Clients needing additional days at Bridge Point must have a Bridge Point referral re-submitted by navigator.

- Extensions will be in 2 week increments based on housing progress and approval of bridge point staff.
- Extensions to not exceed 30 days

Clients who are not actively searching for housing and/or not following their navigators instructions and are to be discharged from Bridge Point will be instructed to leave by the referring agency or their navigator.

UNIQUE PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

VICTIMS FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Victim and non-victim housing/service agencies must prioritize safety and equitable access to housing/services for persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking (DV), while ensuring that client choice is upheld. Therefore, the screening process includes the following “yes” or “no” questions:

1. “Are you currently residing in, or trying to leave, an intimate partner who threatens you or makes you fearful?” (If yes, ask the following question):
2. “Do you want services that are specifically geared to domestic violence survivors OR do you need a confidential location to stay?”

If the client answers “yes” to either or both questions, the client must be offered assistance to contact the appropriate domestic violence assistance provider as follows:

If in Fresno County:

Marjaree Mason Center 24-Hour Emergency Hotline at 559-233-4357

If in Madera County:

Community Action Partnership of Madera at 800-355-8989

It is important to understand, as a protection to a DV victim fleeing their home, that the law protects DV agencies and the victims within confidentiality parameters, beyond all other regulations. **In order to truly protect the victim from legal recourse or uncovering their location, a domestic violence agency legislatively has this authority.** Domestic violence certified counselors working in the employ of a DV agency (only) carry confidentiality rights through the justice and law enforcement systems. Further, the Domestic Violence Safe House and network of DV agencies within the state/nation; offer security from the abuser including 24-hour live surveillance of the interior and exterior grounds, gates, fences of their grounds-to protect the victim from being located or the abuser reaching the victim or family

Whether or not the client wishes to be connected to DV services, the client must be offered equitable access to the full housing/services system available through Coordinated Entry System, in accordance with all protocols described in this manual. In such cases, the assessment can be conducted by paper or using an “anonymous” client assessment if possible and desired by the client.

To help ensure equitable access while emphasizing safety, victim service providers may elect or not elect to administer the CES assessment process (including prescreening and the VI-SPDAT) for clients seeking other housing/services available through CES. However, the victim service provider should have a standardized policy governing when and how they elect to use the Coordinated Entry System assessment process, and it should have a process for referring the client to another agency that does administer the VI-SPDAT. The pre-screening and VI-SPDAT may only be administered on paper, and in no circumstances can client identifying information be entered into the master list or HMIS. Rather, the VI-SPDAT score and a unique identifier must be provided to CoC staff, and the victim service agency must destroy any paper copies of the VI-SPDAT and pre-screening form.

VETERANS

The screening process will include following “yes” or “no” questions:

1. Have you served in the Armed Forces of the United States? (If yes, ask the following question):
2. Were you a Reservist?
3. Do you want Veteran-specific services?

If the client indicates, “yes”, the Veteran must be referred to the appropriate VA Center for appropriate assessment and services.

If the client does not wish to seek Veteran-specific housing/services, the client will have access to housing/services system available through CES, in accordance with all protocols described in this manual. In such cases the client must be fully informed that the decision not to seek Veteran-specific housing/services may significantly limit his/her chances of receiving timely housing/services and that HUD rules limit access to CoC-funded housing if VA-funded or other Veteran-eligible housing is available to that Veteran.

For Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Geographic Area:

24-Hour Hotline for Homeless Vets 1-877-4-AID-VET (4243-838)

24-Hour Veteran Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255 option 1

UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH UNDER 18

Unaccompanied Youth are defined as youth ages 12-18 (18 if in a high school or equivalent program); who are unaccompanied by a parent or guardian and are without shelter where appropriate care and supervision are available, whose parent or guardian is unable or unwilling to provide shelter and care, or who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

Since 1992, Sanctuary Youth Shelter has been the area’s recognized safe place center for runaway, homeless, exploited or displaced youth. The shelter is located in a central area of Fresno, accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The shelter will address the immediate needs of the youth such as shelter, clothing, meals, counseling and referrals with additional case

managed care that will focus on family reunification, strengthening family bonds or transitioning to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements.

Youth are able to gain access to the Sanctuary Youth Shelter on a referral or walk-in basis, or by accessing one of over 300 Safe Place sites located in the Fresno area.

Eligibility

Runaway and/or homeless youth:

- Must be between the ages of 12-18 (18 If in a high school or equivalent program);
- Must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of entry;
- Must not be on formal probation;

Procedure:

1. When an unaccompanied youth is encountered by a street outreach team, or if they enter an FMCoC approved access site, the screening process will include following “yes” or “no” question:
 - a. Are you under the age of 18?
 - b. If the client answers “yes,” the client must referred to and offered assistance to contact Community Human Services Safe Place for appropriate assessment and services as follows:

**For Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Geographic Area:
Fresno EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter at 559-498-8543.**

2. Fresno EOC Sanctuary will complete a criminal background check on unaccompanied youth.
 - a. If there is a history a history of violence, serious mental illness, sexual offenses, or arson, he/she will be referred to County of Fresno Department of Child Welfare
 - b. If unaccompanied youth is on probation or a dependent of the County, he/she will be referred to County of Fresno Probation Department and/or County of Fresno Department of Child Welfare.
3. Screening/Intake form will be completed on unaccompanied youth
 - a. Data will be entered into Homeless Management Information System
4. Unaccompanied youth will meet with a case worker to develop a strength-based case plan to identify an appropriate housing intervention.

- a. Through diversion strategies, he/she will be empowered to identify possible housing solutions that could include:
 - Viable, safe, permanent shared housing with family and/or friends
 - Viable, safe shared housing with family and/or friends, with a plan for permanency
- b. If no viable safe housing solution could be identified, he/she will be entered into the 21 day emergency shelter.
 - He/she will continue to work with case worker in identifying housing solutions.
5. Unaccompanied youth will be connected with viable safe, permanent shared housing with family and/or friends. Case worker will complete follow-up with him/her at:
 - 30 days
 - 60 days
 - 90 days
6. He/she will be exited from program, following the 90 day follow up.

STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTERING ASSISTANCE

RAPID REHOUSING ASSISTANCE

Rapid re-housing assistance, operating in a Continuum of Care and/or Housing First model, is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the unique needs of the household.

GOAL OF ASSISTANCE:

After receipt of assistance, a household is able to remain stably housed.

SUBSIDY AMOUNT/LENGTH OF TIME/CALCULATION:

Rental subsidies provided are based on client income. Initial assistance can be as much as 100% of rent depending on client income. Client will pay a percentage of their income in rent based on the program's assessment of the client's financial and family situation.

Rental assistance would decline in steps based upon a fixed timeline at the program's discretion based upon the client's financial and family situation.

SUBSIDY ENDING:

The goal is for households to “graduate” from the program once they no longer meet the eligibility requirements of the program’s funding source and/or a Case Manager determines assistance can be terminated, whichever comes first.

An assessment tool is used regularly to determine the need for ongoing assistance.

If the household does not attain any of these goals, assistance ends at 24 months (or earlier time as set by the program).

MOVE IN ASSISTANCE:

Move-In Assistance will be targeted to households who are assessed as able to maintain their unit after the assistance. The amount of move-in assistance is determined by the program, within the limits set by the program’s funding source.

Move-In Assistance may be provided as one-time assistance or in tandem with Rental Assistance/Rental Subsidies.

RAPID REHOUSING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for rapid rehousing, households must fall within the target population as well as satisfy the following criteria:

- Meet the current HUD definition of literally homeless for Rapid Re-housing services
- Be the highest priority household available
- Other eligibility criteria created at the program level

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RAPID REHOUSING

All housing supported by rapid rehousing resources must meet all HUD requirements, including but not limited to, Housing Quality Standards, rent reasonableness standards, FMR (as relevant), and others.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS/COMPONENTS FOR RAPID REHOUSING

Case Managers will provide intensive case management services in order to assist households to successfully retain housing and move off the subsidy and into self-sufficiency. Services will be provided at the program offices and Case Managers will conduct home visits when appropriate.

All clients may receive follow-up services for up to 6 months to ensure stability and assess the effectiveness of RRH programs.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

The Coordinated Entry Process will be utilized for persons seeking homelessness prevention services funded with the ESG Program in accordance with the FMCoC Written Standards, which have been established in accordance with 24 CFR 576.400(e) and 24 CFR 578.7(a)(9). The FMCoC Written Standards outline the basic requirements for homelessness prevention programs funded with other funds such as ESG (State and Federal Entitlement).

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing is community-based housing without a designated length of stay.

All CoC funded PSH programs must enter into a lease agreement with tenants that must be at least one year in duration and renewable. The lease agreement must observe Fair Housing regulations.

Participants in PSH rental assistance programs are expected to pay the higher of 30% of their income (monthly, adjusted) or 10% of their gross monthly income toward rent (including utilities). If the participant has zero income, the participants are not required to pay rent, but their supportive services partner is expected to work with them to secure income (either earned or unearned) as soon as possible. In no circumstance can a tenant be charged an amount above the rent calculation standard established by HUD.

Participants must meet with a case manager once per month and be reevaluated once per year. Participants in leasing programs may be charged an occupancy charge up to 30% of the monthly adjusted income; 10% of the family's gross income; or the portion of the family's welfare assistance.

CoC-funded PSH projects are strongly encouraged to prioritize or dedicate beds to chronically homeless individuals and families, including chronically homeless youth and domestic violence survivors.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to PH within 24 months of entering TH.

All CoC funded TH programs must enter into a lease or occupancy agreement with tenants that must be at least one month in duration. The lease agreement must observe Fair Housing regulations.

Participants in TH rental assistance programs are expected to pay the higher of 30% of their income (monthly, adjusted) or 10% of monthly gross income toward rent (including utilities). If the participant has zero income, the participants are not required to pay rent, but their supportive services partner is expected to work with them to secure income (either earned or

unearned) as soon as possible. In no circumstance can a tenant be charged an amount above the Rent Reasonableness standard established by HUD. Rents collected from residents of TH may be reserved in whole or part to assist the residents from they are collected to move to PH. Participants in leasing programs may be charged an occupancy charge up to 30% of the monthly adjusted income; 10% of the family's gross income; or the portion of the family's welfare assistance.

DECLINED REFERRALS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Provider Declines Referral

There will be times when programs will not accept a referral after interviewing the individual. Refusals are acceptable only in certain situations, including:

- The referred individual/family does not meet the program's eligibility criteria.
- The referred individual/family would be a danger to others or themselves if allowed to stay at this particular housing program.

The HMIS administrator and the Housing Matcher will be informed of declines within 24 hours or 1 business day of the decision.

Individual Declines Referral

Individuals or families being referred have the right to refuse acceptance into any program. These individuals/families will remain on the By Name List as open under Coordinated Entry. There will not be a limit to the amount of times a referred individual/family can refuse to enter into programs.

If the referred individual/family has already gone through a program or does not want to work with the program/agency, the housing program can still contact the referred individual/family by phone and the individual is able to decline the interview. The individual/family will still remain on the By Name List and if the housing program, as a result, needs another individual/family to contact, the housing program will follow up with the Housing Matcher to request an additional name.

Agency Grievances

If an agency has concerns regarding the Coordinated Entry System process, they will inform the FMCoC CES Committee Chair of their concerns via e-mail. The Committee Chair will then schedule a representative of the agency to meet with the FMCoC CES in order to discuss and

resolve the concern. If the agency is not satisfied with the decision of the FMCoC CES Committee, they will be able to file a grievance with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Executive Board of Directors. The FMCoC Board of Directors decision will stand and the decision will be passed to the FMCoC CES Committee Chair and changes made, if necessary, to comply with the Board's decision.

Consumer Grievances

Individuals/families are informed of their right to file a grievance if they feel their rights have been violated. This is completed at the various Access sites (physical and street outreach). If the grievance is with the Coordinated Entry Assessment Site that has completed the VI-SPDAT assessment, the individual would be directed to that agency's grievance policy. If the grievance is against the housing program who denied the individual entry into housing, the individual is able to file a grievance with that housing program using their agency's grievance policy. If the grievance is regarding the coordinated entry process as a whole, the individual is able to file a grievance which would then be directed to the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System Committee to hear the grievance and respond. Anyone who is on the FMCoC CES Committee who would have had direct contact with the coordinated entry process would not be able to provide input regarding the grievance. If the referred individual is not satisfied with the decision of the FMCoC CES Committee, they will be able to file a grievance with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Board of Directors. The decision of the FMCoC Board of Directors will stand and the decision will be passed to the FMCoC CES Committee Chair and the individual who filed the grievance

COORDINATED ENTRY GRIEVANCES are grievances that are related to CE policies and/or procedures. Grievances related to CE policies and/or procedures shall be directed to:

Ana Cisneros, FMCoC CES Committee Chair acisneros@kingsview.org 559-515-1333

Chelsey Ramirez-Hernandez, FMCoC CES Committee Vice Chair chelsey.ramirez@westcare.com
559-470-4801

1900 N. Gateway Blvd Fresno, CA 93727

WRITTEN PROCESS FOR TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE

All programs that offer housing assistance to individuals or families funded by the Continuum of Care must provide a written explanation of a tenant's rights and responsibilities that includes an explanation of program requirements and the consequences and appeal rights should a violation occur. The violation notification must be provided in writing to the participant with an accompanying right to an independent hearing (where the review officer is not directly involved

in the program administration) to review the program’s decision to terminate assistance to the recipient. Written notification of the outcome of the hearing/final decision will be provided within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

DEFINITIONS

Acuity - When utilizing the VI-SPDAT Prescreens (triage tool), acuity speaks to the presence of a presenting issue based on the prescreen score. In the case of an evidence- informed common assessment tool like the VI-SPDAT, *acuity* is expressed as a number with a higher number representing more complex, co-occurring issues that are likely to impact overall housing stability.

Bridge Housing – Bridge housing helps clients to move immediately out of homelessness and into a temporary setting until permanent housing is available. Bridge housing may be appropriate to address barriers such as limited finances, unavailability of appropriate housing programs, and lack of vacant housing stock. When a household is recommended for Permanent Supportive Housing but no beds are currently available, the individual may be referred to “bridge housing” in other program types, and/or for any other available CoC resource that would be of use to the household. Transfers between Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing are allowable by HUD so long as the individual meets the eligibility criteria under the specific program and the requirements for the receiving project under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the year the project was awarded.

Chronically Homeless (Final Definition 24 CFR 578.3, effective January 15, 2016) -
A “homeless individual with a disability,” who: (i) lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and (ii) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months
Occasions separated by a break of at least 7 nights
Stays in an institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break
An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or
A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

Common Assessment Tool - A comprehensive and standardized assessment tool used for the purposes of housing prioritization and placement within a Coordinated Entry System. The FMCoC has adopted the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) as the Common Assessment Tool.

Coordinated Entry – “A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals across a geographic area. The system covers the geographic area (designated by the CoC), is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.” 24 CFR Section 578.7. It is the responsibility of each CoC to implement Coordinated Entry in their geographic area.

Emergency Shelter - Emergency shelter includes any facility run by a provider agency with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.

Disabling Condition – (1) a condition that: (i) is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration; (ii) substantially impedes the individual’s ability to live independently; (iii) could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions; and (iv) is a physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury; or (2) a development disability, as defined above; or (3) the disease of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, including infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). 24 CFR 583.5.

Diversion – Diversion is a strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing.

Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - HMIS uses a software program from Bowman Systems called ServicePoint. HMIS is a client information database that provides a standardized assessment of client needs, creates individualized service plans, and records the use of housing and services. Communities can use the data to determine the utilization of services of participating agencies, identify gaps in the local service continuum, and develop outcome measurements. HMIS is designed to collect data and provide information on persons in compliance with all federal and state requirements regarding client confidentiality and data security. HMIS will meet the data collection specifications mandated by HUD and/or other funders. HMIS will provide a system for the

collection of information on services and programs provided to clients CoC wide, as well as provide referral capabilities and client historical data. HMIS can improve the services and programs offered to clients in Fresno Madera Continuum of Care by providing documented assurances of what service levels are met and in demand throughout the various types of agencies and programs in the FMCoC.

Literally Homeless - An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or campground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

Low Barrier – Households are not screened out for assistance because of perceived barriers to housing or services, including, but not limited to: lack of employment or income; drug or alcohol use; or having a criminal record. Housing and homeless programs agree to the low barrier screening criteria in partnership with the CES process.

Homelessness Prevention – A program targeted to individuals and families at risk of homelessness. Specifically, this includes those that meet the criteria under the “at risk of homelessness” definition at 576.2, as well as those who meet the criteria in Category 2, 3, and 4 of the “homeless definition and have an annual income *below 30%* of family median income for the area.

Household - includes, but is not limited to the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status:

- A single person, who may be an elderly person, displaced person, disabled person, near-elderly person, or any other single person; or
- A group of persons residing together, and such group includes, but is not limited to:

- A family with or without children (a child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family);
- An elderly family;
- A near- elderly family;
- A disabled family; (v) A displaced family; and
- The remaining member of a tenant family. 24 CFR 5.403.

Housing First – An approach to **quickly and successfully connect** individuals and families experiencing homelessness **to permanent housing *without preconditions and barriers to program/housing entry***, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements. Supportive services such as housing-focused case management are **offered** to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry.

Master By Name List – A list generated by VI-SPDAT and/or outreach contact entry into HMIS that includes all individuals experiencing homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – means community-based housing without a designated length of stay, and includes both permanent supportive housing. Permanent supportive housing means long term permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. 24 CFR 578.3. The definition of rapid re-housing appears below.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) –An intervention designed to help individuals and families exit homelessness as quickly as possible, return to permanent housing, and achieve stability in that housing. The core components of a rapid re-housing program are housing identification and relocation, short-and/or medium term rental assistance and move-in (financial) assistance, and case management and housing stabilization services. This assistance is subject to the definitions and requirements set forth in 24CFR§576.2 “Homeless” paragraph (1) and paragraph (4) who are residing in a place set forth in (1), 24CFR§576.105, 24CFR§576.106 and 24CFR§576.400. (24CFR§576.104 & *Core Components of Rapid Re-Housing*, National Alliance to End Homelessness).

SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families, a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs program that provides supportive services grants to assist very low-income Veteran families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing, to promote housing stability.

Transitional Housing (TH) – housing to facilitate the movement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing within 24 months. 24 CFR 578.3.

VI-SPDAT – (Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) the evidence-based Common Assessment or Prescreen Triage Tool utilized by all projects in the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care to determine initial acuity (the presence of an issue) and utilized for housing triage, prioritization and housing placement.

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8th Floor

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Fresno

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CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

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93721-2126

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Department Name:

Public Works & Planning

Division Name:

Community Development

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

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*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

B-20-UC-06-0003

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General Management, Oversight & Coordination; Housing Program Administration; Housing and Commercial Rehabilitation; Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvement Projects; Public Services

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** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

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Middle Name:

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* Title:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

Fresno County

SF-424

Additional Information for Selected Questions

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director of Public Works and Planning
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Fresno	DATE SUBMITTED 

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

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Fresno County

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director of Public Works and Planning
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Fresno	DATE SUBMITTED 

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

E-20-UC-06-0003

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

County of Fresno

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

94-6000512

* c. Organizational DUNS:

1066341030000

d. Address:

* Street1:

205 W Pontiac Way

Street2:

* City:

Clovis

County/Parish:

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

93612-5609

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Social Services

Division Name:

Administration

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Laura

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Moreno

Suffix:

Title:

Principal Staff Analyst

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

559-600-2335

Fax Number:

559-600-2357

* Email:

LHaga@fresnocountyca.gov

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.231

CFDA Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

E-20-UC-06-0003

* Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Emergency Solutions Grant Administration; Emergency Solutions Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="245,607.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="245,607.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

Fresno County

SF-424

Additional Information for Selected Questions

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

The unincorporated portion of Fresno County and the participating cities of Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Reedley and Selma.

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Additional Information for Selected Questions

16. Congressional Districts - Additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts:

CA-004

CA-016

CA-022

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director of Social Services
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION County of Fresno	DATE SUBMITTED 

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Steven E. White
Printed Name

Director, Dept. of Public Works & Planning
Title

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).
2. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year 2020 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Steven E. White

Printed Name

Director, Dept. of Public Works & Planning

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance – If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Subsidy Layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Steven E. White
Printed Name

Director, Dept. of Public Works & Planning
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long as the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Delfino E. Neira

Printed Name

Director, Department of Social Services

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.