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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The County of Fresno (County) 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 Annual Action Plan describes how HUD program funds will be used during the 2026-2027 Program Year to address the housing and community development needs identified in the County's 5-Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2025-2029.

The County of Fresno is centrally located within the State of California. It encompasses over 6,000 square miles and is comprised of one large central city (Fresno), one medium-sized adjacent city (Clovis), 13 smaller cities, and approximately 35 unincorporated communities. It is the tenth largest county in California with a population of approximately 1,037,053, based on the 2025 California Department of Finance, Population and Housing Estimates. According to the County's Annual Crop and Livestock Report, the County has 2.03 million acres of farmland, covering 50.9% of its total 3.84 million acres. Forests and woodlands cover 1.28 million acres (33.4% of the County), according to an analysis performed by CalFire, with much of the underlying terrain being foothills and mountains.

The Urban County area receives funding as a group, with the County acting as the lead entity. The jurisdiction is identified as the combination of the unincorporated portions of the County and all cities participating in the County's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the administration of HUD-funded programs. As of July 1, 2026, the Urban County consists of the unincorporated portions of the County of Fresno and the cities of Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, Sanger, and Selma. The City of Fresno receives and administers HUD funding separately. Non-participating cities (Clovis, Coalinga, Huron, and Parlier) may seek funding directly from HUD if their populations are large enough (as is the case for Clovis and CDBG), or cities may apply for HUD funding administered by the State. Non-participating cities are invited to participate in the JPA each year.

The focus of the Action Plan is on describing the intended utilization of three Federal programs – CDBG, HOME, and ESG. HUD limits participation in CDBG and HOME to households earning 80% or less than the County's Area Median Income (AMI), calculated by HUD by reviewing all incomes earned by households in the County and identifying the income in the middle of that list. HUD updates the limits annually. By way of example, effective June 1, 2025, a household of four people would need to earn \$75,100 or less to meet the 80% AMI income eligibility criteria. A household of 8 people would need to earn \$99,150 or less to qualify. The ESG program utilizes a limit of 30% AMI (\$28,150 for a household of four) for certain activities, but not all ESG-funded activities carry this restriction as they focus more on a household meeting a defined status of homelessness.

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; and community-based public service programs.

HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that meet local housing needs to preserve or create affordable housing. Efforts may include supporting homeownership and rental housing opportunities, subsidize rental costs, and reserve 25% of funds reserved for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

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 (PWP) is the lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and is responsible for administering the CDBG and HOME programs. The County Administrative Office (CAO) is responsible for administering the ESG program. Together, DSS and the County Administrative Office are both on the Board of Directors as the County's representatives to the local Continuum of Care. Another key contributor to the information contained in the Consolidated Plan is the Housing Authority of Fresno County, CA (HAFC), which administers public housing programs in the County. The HAFC operates a different legal entity to carry out activities within the City of Fresno. 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.

During the 2026-27 program year, the County will continue to leverage funding from HUD in support of the activities described in this Annual Action Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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, 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan)

Fresno County, mirroring trends across California, faces a significant imbalance where the production of affordable housing units has consistently lagged behind the escalating demand. This persistent gap

highlights a critical need for increased development and resources to meet the housing needs of its residents, while also emphasizing the crucial role of preserving existing affordable housing to sustain the momentum of past efforts.

Public Housing (See NA-35, 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan)

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 11,000 families on the public housing waiting list. Additionally, there is a need for the rehabilitation of existing and construction of new affordable housing units, with emphasis on households with five or more members, the elderly, and the disabled.

Homeless Needs (See NA-40, 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan)

Homeless needs include outreach to homeless individuals and families living on the street, increasing the number of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, providing emergency shelter and essential services to shelter residents, and rapid re-housing services (including case management and rental subsidies) in support of homeless individuals and families.

State and Federal funding has enabled the County of Fresno, the City of Fresno, and the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) to fund a variety of services including, but not limited to diversion, navigation services, emergency shelter, landlord engagement and mitigation, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and HMIS support. However, the need for additional services remains. HUD ESG is needed in coordination with other state funding to provide street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing services to chronically homeless households in the County.

Non-Homeless Special Needs (See NA-45, 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan)

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, 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan)

There are critical needs for public facility and infrastructure improvements throughout the Urban County area. Public facilities and infrastructure in these smaller communities and cities are ageing and deteriorating. The most significant needs include preservation and expansion of water and sewer systems, storm drainage, wastewater treatment facilities, street and sidewalk improvements, and street lighting. There is also a need for new and 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)-compliant improvements to ensure access for everyone.

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 – and meeting the goals established identified in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. The achievements of these programs are identified annually in the County’s Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER).

CDBG: The County of Fresno exceeded identified goals for Public Services, Public Facility Infrastructure (Unincorporated) and Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities) during Year 1 of the Consolidated Plan. The County also made substantial progress towards rebooting the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program during Year 1, but only was able to receive needed training for CDBG rehabilitation projects in March 2026. Additional program design and drafting of new policies and procedures occupied staff for the remainder of the year. The County is eager to begin CDBG-funded rehabilitation projects in Year 2.

HOME and HOME-ARP: Although the County reserved over \$10 million dollars of HOME and HOME-ARP funds for specific projects identified in the Year 1 Annual Action Plan, none of the projects progressed to the point of formally committing funds. This was due to the projects being unable to secure firm commitments of all necessary funding prior to the end of Year 1. These funds have been reprogrammed for Year 2 to the same and additional projects, with the exception of funds previously set aside for Cherry Crossing II. The County has identified a State funding source for Cherry Crossing II. The Guardian Village and Cherry Crossing I projects have been closed out in Year 1, generating the completion of 22 new HOME rental units, which will maintain their affordability for a minimum of 20 years.

ESG: The County consistently strives to meet the needs of homeless and at-risk families and individuals in the community. Past evaluations have identified a substantial need for rapid rehousing assistance throughout the jurisdiction of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. Although additional State dollars have enabled the County and its partners to increase the availability of emergency shelter and rapid rehousing, there continues to be a need for rapid rehousing services to move emergency shelter participants to permanent housing. Due to low availability of affordable units, this has been challenging, but the community is evaluating vendor performance and employing strategies such as shared housing and landlord engagement and mitigation to increase inventory for those in need of housing. With additional rapid rehousing services, the goal is to increase the flow from homelessness to permanent housing.

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.

The County works through citizen committee groups to encourage participation of all its residents. These communities are representative of the County's low- and moderate-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities.

The Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of 19 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors as representatives of the County's unincorporated area. This committee meets with citizens groups and reviews and recommends public facility and infrastructure improvement projects for CDBG funding. This Committee is also consulted as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors for any changes or additions to the County's housing and community development programs. In preparation for the 2026-27 Action Plan, the CAC held a public meeting to seek public participation and testimony, and review and discuss proposed CDBG activities for the unincorporated area. The CAC recommendations for funding are included in the 2026-2027 Action Plan as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Consolidated Plan Committee (CPC) acts as the advisory group for the County's Consolidated Plan process and also holds a public hearing to receive comments regarding the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and each annual Action Plan. This Committee includes all the members of the CAC along with representatives from each of the cities participating in the County's Urban County Entitlement Program. The CPC held a noticed public hearing in November 2025 to provide recommendations and receive public comment on areas of concern that should be considered during preparation of the 2026-27 Action Plan.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires the local Continuum of Care to be consulted in determining allocation of ESG funds. The County's Department of Social Services works in close partnership with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) to determine ESG funding allocations. The funding plans are developed in coordination with the availability of other funding in the continuum and are presented to both the FMCoC Board of Directors and General Membership prior to being published for public comment and presented to the County Board of Supervisors. All public comments received are presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The Board is then responsible for acting on the recommendations and 2026-27 Annual Action Plan.

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

5. Summary of public comments

Please see the appendix for a summary of public comments received.

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

As of April 16, 2026, the day before this draft is posted, no comments or views have been submitted and not accepted.

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 during the 2026-27 program year (which runs July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027), to address the priority needs identified in the adopted 2025-2029 Strategic 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 area related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	FRESNO COUNTY	Public Works & Planning, Community Development
HOME Administrator	FRESNO COUNTY	Public Works & Planning, Community Development
ESG Administrator	FRESNO COUNTY	County Administrative Office

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning (PWP), Community Development Division is the lead entity for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant programs. PWP administers the CDBG and HOME programs, while the County Administrative Office (CAO) administers the ESG program.

During the preparation of the Annual Action Plan, PWP and CAO collaborated with the Department of Behavioral Health and the Department of Public Health. Jointly, PWP and CAO are also responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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

1. Introduction

Consultation with key entities is a major component of preparing to create the Consolidated Plan. These entities are leaders in the spheres of housing, public housing, health, child welfare, education, employment, fair housing, broadband access, land and water management, emergency management, business leaders, civic leaders, and those who provide services to children, elderly, unhoused populations, persons living with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and survivors of domestic violence.

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

The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Community Development Division is the lead agency preparing the 2026-27 Action Plan. The Division partnered with the Fresno County Administrative Office (CAO), who in turn consulted with the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) for the mental health components of the Action Plan.

The County of Fresno regularly meets with the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) to coordinate on the alignment of public housing with available resident supports through governmental and private health and services agencies. This includes coordinating on the implementation of tenant- and project-based vouchers for supportive services housing projects administered through DBH, ensuring stable housing for households with acute mental health service needs. As one of the few public housing authorities that also operates as a housing developer, HAFC is a critical partner in maintaining public and assisted housing capacity.

On November 18, 2025, the Office of Housing and Homelessness (OHH) was established under the County Administrative Office. At this time, the responsibility of Administrative Entity (AE) for the FMCoC as well as ESG planning and oversight was transitioned to this new Department. Staff previously overseeing ESG were transitioned as well, ensuring consistency in oversight. Additionally, in December of 2025, the County of Fresno OHH became the Collaborative Applicant (CA) for the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). As the CA and AE, OHH worked with DSS and other jurisdictional partners to evaluate the landscape of services, identify available match funding, and develop the plan for ESG.

Fresno County has representation on the FMCoC through OHH, DSS, and the County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). As the primary social service agency in the community, DSS is actively involved in serving families and individuals in need of public assistance through numerous social services programs. Along with OHH, DSS and DBH play an important role in the coordination between agencies by actively participating in the FMCoC meetings and subcommittees as well as facilitating meetings and planning efforts for funding and services across the continuum.

ESG funding is integrated into the overall plans to serve those experiencing homelessness in the community. The County has a close partnership with the FMCoC serving as the AE for several State grants awarded to the FMCoC, including the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding rounds 1-6. In its role as the CA and AE, the County of Fresno OHH provides grant oversight and administration for these funding sources, including developing and procuring services in coordination with the FMCoC.

Through FMCoC membership and leadership, there is the opportunity to build and enhance relationships with various organizations and agencies that may otherwise be out of reach. With the continued expansion of the CoC membership, the FMCoC can receive input from local housing developers, as well as partnering providers, including hospitals and managed care plans (MCPs).

The County and members of the FMCoC Board of Directors and cross-jurisdictional partners collaborated with CalViva Health and Anthem Blue Cross, to utilize funding awarded through the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP). To build consensus around the proposed strategies and gain community input for the HHIP County Local Homelessness Plan, MCPs jointly met with members of the FMCoC and presented proposed strategies at CoC meetings and stakeholder forums. This allowed for engagement with multiple community stakeholders including government representatives, social service and housing agencies, and community providers. As the funds are being used, the partner entities meet regularly to provide updates and address questions or adjust plans as needed. Additionally, the County meets bi-monthly with the MCPs, including Kaiser Permanente, to coordinate efforts around CalWIN services. In December 2025, the County executed agreements with the local Managed Care Plans to receive reimbursement for Transitional Rent benefits provided to households experiencing homelessness with a behavioral health challenge. Anticipated Transitional Rent reimbursements for 2026 are \$800,000.

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 FMCoC membership is established consistent with 24 CFR 578.5 (B), with representation from government, homeless service providers, emergency response, health care, housing providers, business community, faith community, and homeless/formerly homeless persons. The FMCoC not only focuses on enhanced cooperation and collaboration, but makes regional funding decisions and recommendations for federal, state, and local funds. Funding decisions are aligned with improving system performance with a strong focus on reducing the length of time households experience homelessness and facilitating more placements into permanent housing. The County is an active member of the FMCoC, with OHH serving as the CA and AE and with both DSS and the OHH serving on the Board of Directors as the Chair and Regional Representative respectively. As active members on the Board of Directors, the County participates in the larger strategy to end homelessness in the

Fresno/Madera region. Representatives of the County of Fresno and the FMCoC participate in a number of subcommittees which include Coordinated Entry System (CES), HMIS, Leadership and also attend weekly CES Community Coordinator office hours. All County homelessness activities are coordinated with the FMCoC. The FMCoC meets regularly through monthly meetings where members can discuss challenges facing our homeless populations and developing strategies to overcome those challenges.

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

The County of Fresno consults and coordinates with the FMCoC regarding ESG allocations, performance standards, evaluation, and HMIS policies and procedures. HMIS data on the homeless served in the continuum, as well as outcomes from various programs is shared at the FMCoC General Membership meetings. As funding for homelessness is allocated, members of the FMCoC Board and the General Membership meet to assess the need for services and develop integrated funding plans that maximize available funding and fill gaps in service delivery. Additionally, the FMCoC partners with Homebase, a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to homelessness, to provide recommendations and input regarding FMCoC policies and procedures, the use and coordination of HMIS data, and the evaluation of CoC programs including ESG.

The County of Fresno and FMCoC are committed to improving the quality of data collected and shared in the CoC's HMIS. The Fresno Housing Authority, which serves as the CoC's lead HMIS agency, provides training and technical assistance to anyone using the HMIS for the CES needing assistance with entering complete and accurate data, and may recommend and/or require technical assistance for service providers who receive a low score on automated data quality reports. All HHAP and ESG funded programs report client data into HMIS to further strengthen data and sharing between regional co-applicants.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Fresno County Administrative Office (CAO), Office of Housing and Homelessness (OHH)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Grantee Department
	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 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?	As the Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity, OHH led the planning and coordination with DSS and other jurisdictional partners to evaluate the landscape of services, identify available match funding, and develop the plan for ESG.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Fresno 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-Employment Child Welfare Agency Grantee Department
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Fresno County's DSS previously administered the ESG program and coordinated with OHH to provide responses to sections regarding homelessness within the jurisdiction. This information was used to develop recommendations for the plan. OHH continues to work with the FMCoC to ensure that the services administered by the County, City, and the FMCoC are coordinated to develop a cohesive strategy for the community.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Fresno, 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?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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?	DBH was consulted regarding mental health needs related to homelessness and has provided responses to sections regarding the same. OHH works closely with the DBH regarding these efforts.
4	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.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Fresno
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	County staff meets with the City of Fresno semi-monthly to discuss and strategize coordination of services across the continuum. Additionally, the City of Fresno sits on the FMCoC Board of Directors and participated in the General Membership where the plan was presented.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the County of Fresno
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	County staff contacted Fresno Housing Authority to gather information on the specialties and specific challenges facing public housing and its services. Relevant sections were reviewed and FHA provided feedback to help guide the County's coordination going forward.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	State of California Housing and Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff periodically consult with California HCD regarding affordable housing, public housing, homeless and supportive housing
8	Agency/Group/Organization	National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County regularly participates in online discussions, case study analysis, and trainings regarding housing, community development, and economic development
9	Agency/Group/Organization	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Francisco Regional Field Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Community Development

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County staff meet monthly with our assigned HUD field representative regarding all HUD funded programs, as well as related state and other federal programs related to existing HUD programs.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno Madera Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders CoC
	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 HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Annual Action Plan was discussed with the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) at the general membership meeting on 3/12/26. Member organizations were in attendance and voted to accept the plan as presented. The County will continue to coordinate housing and homelessness efforts in alignment with the FMCoC.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Fresno County, Department of Public Works & Planning, Water & Natural Resources
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment emergency management
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff and management within the Water & Natural Resources Division provide periodic updates on issues related to groundwater sustainability, fire and flood emergency management, and public lands and associated impacts on housing development
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders community members Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development 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 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.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Consolidated Plan Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business and Civic Leaders

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>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 provide comments on community needs and the preparation of the 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.</p>

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

There were no agency types not consulted.

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 goals of the Counties of Fresno and Madera, the City of Fresno, and the FMCoC are all considered in preparing the plan for ESG funding to ensure funding is used effectively and gaps in services are addressed.
Co. of Fresno Gen Plan & 6th Cycle Housing Element	County of Fresno	The Affordable Housing goals in the plan overlap with the overall housing goals of Fresno County, as outlined in the Fresno County Housing Element.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Permanent Local Housing Allocation 5-Year Plan	County of Fresno	The County's Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds from the State can be used in much the same fashion as HOME funds, with the ability to fund development of new multi- and single-family homes, make repairs or ADA modifications to homes and rental units, and assist borrowers in purchasing a home. Currently, the County's allocation plan has funded only construction and rehabilitation of multifamily housing, but the County may consider amending the plan to also include downpayment assistance. The PLHA funds can assist up to 120% of the Area Median Income, which increases the likelihood that the funds can successfully support homeownership efforts.
FCOG Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan	Fresno Council of Governments	The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) undertakes comprehensive regional planning like the RHNA Plan, provides community members an opportunity to be involved in the planning process, and provides technical services to its members, including all 15 incorporated cities in the county and the unincorporated Fresno County. Each Fresno COG member jurisdiction is represented by a designated elected official on the Policy Board.
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.
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	County of Fresno & Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)	The 2025-2030 plan, currently in development, prioritizes workforce development, housing and infrastructure investment, and quality of life improvement initiatives in alignment with the Strategic Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The County of Fresno collaborates with all participating cities in the Urban County Entitlement Program for CDBG, HOME, and ESG during the planning and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The cities meet with the County no less than 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. The participating cities included during the preparation of this Annual Action Plan are: Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, Sanger, and Selma.

The County has continued to require the integration of CalAIM funding into service budgets for allowable costs, to maximize funding for homelessness programs. This often includes billing a portion of the services or direct financial assistance to CalAIM, allowing other funding to serve additional households. As the County evaluated the landscape of funding and needs, OHH collaborated with DSS, as the administrator of the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, funded by the California Department of Social Services. This program which provides housing and advocacy for disability benefits for the chronically homeless, has been cut at the local level. To ensure that this essential program was able to continue, ESG was included in the funding plan. Additionally, as the region is re-structuring Street Outreach to put an emphasis on exits from the street to safe and permanent housing, and the legislature implemented new requirements for HHAP shelter funding in round 6, the County evaluated other available funding for these services. Both ESG and HHAP funds were planned to ensure sufficient funding to provide robust Street Outreach services in the continuum.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

A total of four public meetings were held to solicit public comment: a public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on October 15, 2025, a formally noticed public hearing on November 19, 2025, prior to the start of drafting; a public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on February 18, 2026; and a formally noticed public hearing on May 19, 2026, at the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors. The draft Consolidated Plan was also made available for public review on the County's website starting on April 17, 2026.

All public comments received from the meetings were considered during the planning process for HOME, CDBG, and ESG and were used to inform funding amounts and priorities for eligible activities. No public comments were rejected.

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 Citizens Advisory Committee (11/19/25)	Non-targeted/ broad community Consolidated Plan Committee	10 members of the CPC and no members of the public in attendance.	Community needs consisted of housing, infrastructure and public facility improvements.	There were no comments not accepted.	
2	Public Meeting Citizens Advisory Committee (2/18/26)	Non-targeted/ broad community Citizens Advisory Committee	12 members of the CPC and no members of the public in attendance.	Discussion on planned unincorporated area infrastructure improvement projects.	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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community County Board of Supervisors	<i>To be updated after hearing.</i> Board of Supervisors were presented the Consolidated Plan by County Staff, along with an audience. Meeting was publicly noticed and a draft of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan was available to the public on the County website and Community Development Division office 30 days before the hearing. Public comments received during the public comment period will be incorporated into the presentation to the Board of Supervisors and final Action Plan.	<i>To be updated after hearing.</i>	<i>To be updated after hearing.</i>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The County of Fresno receives 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 during the 2026-2027 Program Year. The County would intend 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.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				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	\$3,116,754	1,182,500	259,708	4,558,962	9,975,000	CDBG funds will be used for public facility and infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, The public services, street and site improvements for affordable housing development projects, 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	\$1,137,340.12	\$600,000	\$10,452,801	\$12,190,141.12	\$3,300,000	HOME funds will be used for housing rehabilitation, tenant-based rental assistance, and affordable housing development projects, as well as HOME administration.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re- housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	\$278,809	0	281,704	560,513	1,115,236	ESG funds will be used for street outreach, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter/transitional housing, as well as ESG administration and funding for the HMIS system.

Other HOME- ARP	public - federal	Multifamily rental new construction Public Services Other	0	0	4,217,851	4,217,851	0	HOME-ARP funds which are PRIOR YEAR RESOURCES will create new rental housing units for the HOME-ARP populations, provide supportive services, rural nonprofit operating assistance, rural nonprofit capacity building, and rental housing ongoing operating costs in support of the HOME-ARP populations. Administrative costs are already allocated. Inclusion of the existing but uncommitted HOME-ARP funds in this plan helps ensure all funds that need to be programmed are included in this Consolidated Plan.
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Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The County leverages all state and federal funding, including funding awarded to the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) and partnering jurisdictions to provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness in the community. Matching resources for ESG are derived from state funding for homeless services programs in the region. Typically, County-contracted providers of ESG funded services are required to match dollar for dollar all ESG funding utilized. As the County utilizes the total allocation amount, the dollar match will parallel ESG allocations provided to the County.

The HOME program requires the County of Fresno to provide matching funds towards affordable housing, though HUD has waived the match requirements due to economic conditions in the County in recent years. The County's match requirement for HOME is satisfied through the County's waiver of property taxes for HOME-funded affordable housing development loans. This source consistently provides significantly more match than is required for HOME.

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

The County is currently in the process of developing a list of properties or land under its control that have been determined available and suitable for addressing needs identified in the plan. It is anticipated that this process, including formal actions that may be required, will be completed within the Consolidated Plan period of 2025-2029. For updates on the status of this list, please contact the Community Development Division of the Department of Public Works and Planning. For land publicly available in the County's partner cities, please reach out to each individual city to inquire about any land that has been set aside for affordable housing.

Discussion

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 2025-2029, as noted above.

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)	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Urban County Area	Public Facility & Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,542,523	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,600 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Urban County Area	Public Facility & Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,071,589	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20,800 Persons Assisted
3	CDBG Public Services	2026	2027	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Urban County Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$435,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12,000 Persons Assisted
4	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation	2026	2027	Affordable Housing	Urban County Area	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$400,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	CDBG Housing Program Delivery	2026	2027	Affordable Housing	Urban County Area	Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Housing Development	CDBG: \$250,000	Other: 1 Other
6	HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation	2026	2027	Affordable Housing	Urban County Area	Housing Rehabilitation	HOME: \$6,000,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 33 Household Housing Unit
7	HOME Affordable Housing Development	2026	2027	Affordable Housing	Urban County Area	Affordable Housing Development	HOME: \$5,318,870	Rental units constructed: 33 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
8	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)	2026	2027	Non-Homeless Special Needs	County of Fresno	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)	HOME: \$300,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
9	HOME-ARP Rental Housing & Operating Subsidies	2026	2027	Homeless	Urban County Area	Affordable Housing Development	HOME-ARP: \$2,950,000	Housing for Homeless added: 10 Household Housing Unit Other: 1 Other
10	HOME-ARP Supportive Services	2026	2027	Homeless	Urban County Area	Public Services	HOME-ARP: \$772,651	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,500 Persons Assisted
11	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building	2026	2027	Homeless	Urban County Area	Public Services	HOME-ARP: \$495,200	Other: 1 Other
12	Street Outreach	2026	2028	Homeless	County of Fresno	Street Outreach	ESG: \$323,418	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 224 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Rapid Rehousing	2026	2028	Homeless	County of Fresno	Rapid Rehousing	ESG: \$176,563	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
14	Emergency Shelter	2026	2028	Homeless	County of Fresno	Emergency Shelter	ESG: \$12,890	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 106 Persons Assisted
15	HMIS	2026	2028	Homeless	County of Fresno	HMIS	ESG: \$5,605	Other: 1 Other
16	Administration of Public Funds	2026	2028	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Urban County Area County of Fresno	Administrative Support	CDBG: \$859,850 HOME: \$571,271.12 ESG: \$42,037	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Goal Description	A list of specific activities identified for funding is included in the appendix.
2	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Goal Description	A list of specific activities identified for funding is included in the appendix.

3	Goal Name	CDBG Public Services
	Goal Description	A list of specific activities identified for funding is included in the appendix.
4	Goal Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Specific activities will be identified as applications are submitted and reviewed for program eligibility.
5	Goal Name	CDBG Housing Program Delivery
	Goal 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.
6	Goal Name	HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Specific activities will be identified after underwriting and coordination of other funding sources, if applicable, have been secured.
7	Goal Name	HOME Affordable Housing Development
	Goal Description	Specific activities will be identified after underwriting and coordination of other funding sources, if applicable, have been secured.
8	Goal Name	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)
	Goal Description	Funding recipients will be identified through a selection process after plan approval.
9	Goal Name	HOME-ARP Rental Housing & Operating Subsidies
	Goal Description	Funding recipients will be identified following a formal solicitation process.

10	Goal Name	HOME-ARP Supportive Services
	Goal Description	Funding recipients will be identified following a formal solicitation process.
11	Goal Name	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building
	Goal Description	Funding recipient will be identified following a formal solicitation process.
12	Goal Name	Street Outreach
	Goal Description	Street Outreach, including identifying, assessing, referrals to housing and other needed supports, as well as case management and navigation for individuals when no shelter bed is available.
13	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.
14	Goal Name	Emergency Shelter
	Goal Description	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing: Assist homeless individuals, homeless families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation when no shelter bed is available or appropriate. Emergency Shelter Beds will bridge the gap between living on the street to living in a permanent housing situation. Activities include shelter, case management, navigation services, and supportive services.
15	Goal Name	HMIS
	Goal Description	This will provide two years of licensing and support for ESG-funded projects and the administrative oversight of these projects.
16	Goal Name	Administration of Public Funds
	Goal Description	This will provide administrative support for CBDG, HOME, and ESG.

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

The County of Fresno anticipates assisting 106 extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families obtain or maintain affordable housing using CDBG and HOME funds during FY 2026-27. This estimate includes approximately 10 households assisted through tenant-based rental assistance, 35 households assisted through the development of new affordable single and multifamily housing (although no construction is expected to be completed during the fiscal year), and 51 housing units rehabilitated to preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners. We also anticipate constructing a minimum of 10 additional rental units for HOME-ARP populations. Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation activities will be targeted to 50% AMI and below unless there are insufficient numbers of < 50% AMI applicants, in which case, we will expand eligibility up to 80% AMI. All other activities are expected to benefit households at or below 50% AMI, except for the construction of affordable single-family homes, which market forces obligate borrowers to have higher levels of income, up to the maximum allowable for HOME. The current HOME maximum income for ownership activities is 80% AMI; however, current legislation proposes to raise this limit to 100% of the AMI. In the event that the 21st Century Road to Housing Bill (or successor bill) is passed and signed into law, and effective prior to completion of the home, the County intends to utilize the maximum flexibility allowed for income qualifications, to ensure the prospective homeowners are capable of sustaining a long-term mortgage, with a lower risk of housing instability if an unexpected large expense occurs.

- Rehabilitation: 41 rental units
 10 homeowner housing units

- New Build: 33 rental units
 2 homeowner housing units

- TBRA: 10 households assisted

- Housing for Homeless: 10 rental units constructed

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

To address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan for FY 2025, the County of Fresno has identified 7 projects for CDBG, 4 projects for HOME, 3 projects for HOME-ARP, 1 project for ESG (a requirement for ESG funds), and has reaffirmed its non-administrative projects for HOME-ARP (brought forward from last cycle’s plan). *For specific pipeline projects anticipated to be funded, please see the appendix.*

For FY 2025, \$290,734 (25% of the HOME allocation) will be set-aside for CHDO-qualifying projects. To allow for maximum flexibility for CHDO-qualifying entities, CHDO-qualifying projects are anticipated to be from either HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation and/or HOME Affordable Housing Development.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
2	CDBG Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
3	CDBG Public Services
4	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
5	CDBG Housing Program Delivery
6	CDBG Administration
7	HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation
8	HOME Affordable Housing Development
9	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)
10	HOME Administration
11	HOME-ARP Rental Housing & Operating Subsidies
12	HOME-ARP Supportive Services
13	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building
14	ESG26 Fresno County

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are chiefly identified to align with meeting priority needs and identifying funds for anticipated pipeline projects. Successful administration of HUD funding typically obligates the County to plan large-scale expenditures 6-18 months before entering into a written agreement. Other allocation priorities are driven by parallel goals outlined in other planning documents, such as the Housing Element and regional plans to address homelessness. While these priorities guide allocations, funds are not

identified for Economic Development this year, though the activity remains a high priority. This is because of the high complexity in administering a Federally-funded economic development program. In the event the County identifies a successful strategy to undertake economic development activities in the unincorporated areas of the County or throughout the Urban County Area, the County will amend this Consolidated Plan to include the program.

ESG priorities were determined by the landscape of need in the community and the available funding to support those needs. Although all available funding has been coordinated and leveraged to serve those experiencing homelessness, actual and anticipated cuts to various state funding sources as well as the realignment of HUD funding for the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) will create additional challenges in serving all of those in need. The County continues to evaluate all available resources and efficiencies to provide the effective, efficient services for everyone experiencing a housing crisis.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Cities)
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility & Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,542,523
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the JPA-participating cities.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5,600 persons living in primarily low/moderate income areas will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
Planned Activities	Installation of ADA improvements, park improvements, street improvements, and sidewalk improvements. Specific activities to be funded are listed in the Appendix.	

2	Project Name	CDBG Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facility & Infrastructure (Unincorporated)
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility & Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,071,589
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements within the unincorporated area.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20,800 persons living in primarily low/moderate income areas will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
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. Funding includes \$50,000 for project delivery costs.	

3	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	CDBG Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$435,000
	Description	Public services activities, including area-based policing and community-based social services to eligible recipients.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 12,000 low- and moderate-income persons, or persons living in primarily low/moderate areas will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
Planned Activities	Public services activities will consist of Sheriff's Area-Based Policing (crime prevention), and funding for community-based social service programs.	

4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$400,000
	Description	CDBG funds for the rehabilitation of homes occupied by eligible low- and moderate-income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 18 low- or moderate-income households will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
Planned Activities	Loans or grants for rehabilitation of existing homes (Rental and Owner-Occupied)	

5	Project Name	CDBG Housing Program Delivery
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation CDBG Housing Program Delivery HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation HOME Affordable Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Housing Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	Funding for the staffing and related expenses (project delivery costs), to oversee, operate and process applications for the varied eligible CDBG & HOME funded housing programs such as owner-occupied rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, and affordable housing development. Includes funding for temporary storage, relocation, lead-based paint remediation, and asbestos remediation, if needed.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These funds are for project delivery costs, not direct assistance to households.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Funding for the staffing, travel, professional services, LBP/asbestos hazard abatement, materials, and supplies to oversee and operate eligible housing programs.

6	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	Administration of Public Funds
	Needs Addressed	Administrative Support
	Funding	CDBG: \$859,850
	Description	Administration of the CDBG Program (may also include administrative costs of the HOME program).
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to support the administration of all CDBG and HOME activities, but funds will not support individual households.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program (including administrative costs of the HOME program).

7	Project Name	HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	HOME Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$6,000,000
	Description	HOME funds for the rehabilitation of multifamily rental units occupied by eligible low- and moderate-income households. Specific pipeline projects to be funded are included in the appendix, however, these pipeline projects may not materialize if they are unable to secure all necessary funding needed for development.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 33 low- or moderate-income households will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitate multifamily rental units occupied by eligible low- and moderate-income households.

8	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing Development
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	HOME Affordable Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$5,318,870
	Description	Funds for development of new affordable housing units. Specific pipeline projects to be funded are included in the appendix, however, these pipeline projects may not materialize if they are unable to secure all necessary funding needed for development. New pipeline projects may be added to the list as applications are received.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	33 low- or moderate-income households will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Funds for development of new affordable multifamily rental housing and single-family homes.

9	Project Name	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)
	Target Area	Urban County Area County of Fresno
	Goals Supported	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)
	Needs Addressed	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (2yrs)
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	Tenant-based rental assistance to eligible households in special-needs populations for up to 2 years each.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 10 households at or below 80% AMI in special needs populations will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Households referred by the Department of Social Services may reside anywhere in County of Fresno; non-HDAP TBRA-assisted households in special-needs populations must identify a housing unit in the Urban County Area.
Planned Activities	Tenant-based rental assistance to eligible households for a period of up to 24 months	

10	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	Administration of Public Funds
	Needs Addressed	Administrative Support
	Funding	HOME: \$571,271.12
	Description	Funds for administration of the HOME Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A these funds are administrative in nature.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME program.

11	Project Name	HOME-ARP Rental Housing & Operating Subsidies
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	HOME-ARP Rental Housing & Operating Subsidies
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development
	Funding	HOME-ARP: \$2,950,000
	Description	Acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing, and provide operating subsidies to ensure the viability of rental housing projects serving HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 or more units of housing for homeless households constructed
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Funds for the construction of permanent housing for the four qualifying HOME-ARP populations, and operating subsidies in support of the HOME-ARP units.

12	Project Name	HOME-ARP Supportive Services
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	HOME-ARP Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	HOME-ARP: \$772,651
	Description	Operating assistance and capacity building funds to nonprofit entities to develop services for HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 1,500 persons from qualified HOME-ARP populations will receive services
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Supportive services to the four HOME-ARP qualifying populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

13	Project Name	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building
	Target Area	Urban County Area
	Goals Supported	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	HOME-ARP: \$495,200
	Description	Operating assistance and capacity building funds to nonprofit entities to develop services for HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The County anticipates one non-profit will benefit from the assistance. The non-profit's service area will determine the number of households served.
	Location Description	Unincorporated Areas of the County of Fresno + Cities Participating in the Urban County Area Project Jurisdiction
Planned Activities	Operating assistance and capacity building funds to nonprofit entities to develop services for HOME-ARP qualifying populations.	

14	Project Name	ESG26 Fresno County
	Target Area	County of Fresno
	Goals Supported	Street Outreach Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter HMIS Administration of Public Funds
	Needs Addressed	Street Outreach Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter HMIS Administrative Support
	Funding	ESG: \$560,513
	Description	ESG activities, to include Street Outreach (\$323,418); tenant based rental assistance/Rapid rehousing (\$176,563); overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing (\$12,890). The project will also include HMIS (\$5,605) and ESG administration of 7.5% (\$42,037).
	Target Date	6/30/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Households served will include chronically and non-chronically homeless individuals and families. Street Outreach will make 224 contacts for services; Rapid Rehousing will serve 10 households; and 106 households will receive emergency shelter.
	Location Description	Rural, unincorporated, and metropolitan areas of the County.
	Planned Activities	ESG activities, to include tenant-based rental assistance/rapid rehousing, and overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing. The project will also include ESG administration, and funding of the HMIS system.

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

Affordable housing needs will be met through the provision of CDBG and/or HOME funding to 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 Action Plan’s goals and objectives within the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and cities participating in the Urban County jurisdiction. 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 in order to meet HUD’s expenditure timeliness requirements.

Public facility and infrastructure improvement needs exist 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.

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 in the County of Fresno consistent with regional efforts such as the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) and other efforts to address homelessness.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Urban County Area	89
County of Fresno	11

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The County of Fresno encompasses approximately 6,000 square miles and has people in need of housing assistance throughout the County. The amount of funds available is not sufficient to meet all of the housing needs of its residents. CDBG and HOME funds designated for housing are utilized on a first come, first served basis, with CDBG funding restricted to residents in the unincorporated areas of the County of Fresno while HOME funds are available to residents in the eight partner cities (Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, Sanger and Selma) and the unincorporated areas

of the County of Fresno.

Public facility and infrastructure improvements needs of the County’s unincorporated area communities are addressed via a formal application for funding, open from June through August, where communities are able to submit projects for CDBG funding. Applications are reviewed to determine eligibility and to determine whether the project meets a CDBG national objective. Eligible projects are presented annually to the Housing and Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee, which reviews the applications and scores the projects submitted and provides a recommended funding order list to the Board of Supervisors for incorporation into the Annual Action Plan. Partner cities receive proportional allocations of CDBG funds in accordance with a population-based formula prescribed by HUD, and annually submit public facility and infrastructure projects requested for incorporation into the Annual Action Plan. Partner city projects are reviewed for eligibility and CDBG national objective, and approved by the County Board of Supervisors as part of the Annual Action Plan.

Discussion

Plans for geographic distribution of funding are discussed above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Consistent with HUD instructions for preparation of the Annual Action Plan, households supported by ESG are not captured in these tables.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	10
Non-Homeless	74
Special-Needs	22
Total	106

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	45
Rehab of Existing Units	51
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	106

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

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 also administers the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) from which HAFC has received funding. The County also partners with HAFC on the administration of the HMIS homeless information management system for applicable homeless assistance programs administered by the County.

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

The HAFC Resident Empowerment team works with local programs to offer workshops on financial literacy – with emphasis on budgeting and implementation of a family savings plan – to interested families who live in subsidized housing. Families are referred to resources regarding credit counseling and other homeownership ready workshops in the community as needed.

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

provided or other assistance

Not applicable. HAFC is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The County's plan includes working with responsible entities for the development of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income persons. The County will accomplish this goal by making funds available as gap financing loans through its HOME grant to construct eligible new affordable housing developments, and will provide homebuyer assistance loans to eligible residents ready for first-time homeownership. The County will continue to work with the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) and other qualified private nonprofit entities during the next Program Year to address the needs of housing within the County's jurisdiction. The County will actively market its Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP) to public housing residents to encourage homeownership. The County fully supports the HAFC's efforts to ensure adequate affordable housing for all County residents.

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

Introduction

The one-year goals of the jurisdiction include preventing the inflow of homelessness through diversion services and implementing more specific, timely goals around exits to permanent housing; improved connection to other available resources in the community to enhance housing placement and retention, including resources to increase household income; and an increased number of exits to permanent housing for those currently on the street, in rapid rehousing, and in emergency shelter projects in the community.

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 the Collaborative Applicant (CA) and a member of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), the County of Fresno coordinates with agencies who perform outreach in the metropolitan area, including the City of Fresno, who oversees outreach in the city jurisdiction. Additionally, the County has expanded its outreach services in rural areas of Fresno County, ensuring that those experiencing homelessness with limited access to services are provided with a pathway to connect to available resources. The County has also initiated a pilot program to offer motel vouchers to unhoused individuals displaced by encampment resolutions in County jurisdiction, providing temporary shelter and an opportunity for continued engagement with the intent to connect the unhoused individuals to other resources. 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.

In addition to the work above, the County has taken lead on a Street Outreach re-design project, to ensure that services provided across the continuum are aligned, robust, and not dependent upon entry into shelter. Plans include an emphasis on street navigation and linkage and leveraging CalAIM Community Supports.

The County also funds the Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) at locations throughout the jurisdiction. MAP serves as a Coordinated Entry Access Site and provides a single point of entry to help identify the needs of each individual or family, facilitates access to services, and links individuals to services relating to social and health services, public benefits, housing, and other immediate necessities. A screening tool is used to help individuals identify their needs and link them to a variety of resources and services. For those that are experiencing homelessness or report housing needs, the Vulnerability Index – Specialized Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) assessment is offered by MAP Navigation staff to

assess individual need. The most vulnerable are prioritized for assistance as it becomes available.

An internal County workgroup has been meeting to redesign access and navigation services, formerly, Multi-Agency Access Partnership (MAP). This redesign will help ensure households in need are able to be connected to benefits and services more efficiently and effectively with focuses on mental health, employability, and housing needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

It is a priority to continue to support emergency shelter services 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 Annual Action Plan Program Years and ensure that emergency shelter continues to be available in the community for individuals that are experiencing homelessness. Since 2019, the County has partnered with the FMCoC to support emergency shelter and transitional housing capacity through State and Federal funding sources.

The County of Fresno, in partnership with the FMCoC, City of Fresno, and County of Madera were recently awarded a regional grant for the sixth round of the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program funding that will maintain the available emergency shelter portfolio for additional years as well as supporting ongoing homeless services needed in the community. As part of the application process the jurisdictions have developed an updated action plan to address and reduce homelessness in the region.

The County, through its Department of Behavioral Health, provides transitional housing for unhoused individuals with behavioral health challenges through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing and Master Leasing programs. These programs provide between 6 and 24 months of transitional housing support intended to provide an opportunity for the residents to connect to long-term permanent housing options.

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

Planned action steps for the coming year include continuing collaborative efforts aimed at reducing individual and family homelessness. The FMCoC is in the process of implementing a new assessment tool tailored to the needs of the community, which will replace the existing Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). The new assessment tool will be used uniformly

throughout the FMCoC Coordinated Entry System and will help service providers determine the proper housing intervention for an individual or family based on both acuity and vulnerability, as separate metrics. 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. The FMCoC's best practices and ongoing 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. Additionally, the County funds the Belgravia Center, a transitional housing re-entry program for individuals exiting criminal justice institutions that are at risk of homelessness. The Belgravia Center program provides up to 6 months of transitional shelter and facilitates connections to long-term, stable housing through case management and housing navigation services. The County also funds shelter diversion services in rural and metro Fresno County, which are intended to assist individuals and families in identifying existing resources to avoid or reduce the length of time spent homeless.

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 throughout the FMCoC, homeless prevention and diversion services are available to those at risk of homelessness in the community through other member agencies.

Discussion

The County of Fresno will continue to work closely with the FMCoC in developing plans for ESG services that will benefit those experiencing homelessness in 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 appropriate and readily available to the homeless in the community. The County continues to coordinate with the

FMMoC and other regional partners to support ongoing HHAP-funded services including emergency shelter, diversion/prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, and landlord engagement.

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

Introduction:

There are significant barriers to affordable housing expected during the next five-year planning period including the availability of affordable residential properties for rent or purchase and the high cost of new construction. Additionally, public policies, though often well-intentioned, can unintentionally create barriers to affordable housing and residential investment. These policies can disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, exacerbating challenges for those who are already struggling to secure stable housing.

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

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. Additionally, the County will explore making accessory dwelling units (ADUs) 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 Consolidated Plan 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 measures such as AB 531 – Behavioral Health Bond by the State of California will make funds available for local jurisdictions to access to increase the housing stock. The County's Department of Behavior Health has been awarded No Place Like Home funds to build housing for persons experiencing homelessness in Fresno County. Additionally, the County has applied for Behavioral Health Bond funding through the Homekey+ program to develop supportive affordable housing for unhoused individuals with behavioral health challenges. The County will continue to pursue all available State and Federal funding

to support the development of affordable housing.

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.

Across California, there is an estimated shortage of 982,000 rental homes affordable and available to extremely low-income households (ELI), whose incomes are at or below the poverty guideline or 30% area median income (AMI). Many of these households are severely cost burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing. In 2024 Fresno County had a median household income of \$74,201 which is lower than the U.S. median annual income of \$80,734. The lower median income has resulted in a significant number of households still not able to afford to purchase a home. According to the State's Labor Market Information Division, the County's unemployment rate for January 2026 was 8.9% which is higher than the rate of 5.5% for the State of California and 4.6% for the nation during the same period. In Fresno County, the median estimated home value has increased to \$429,990. Moreover, the 30-year fixed mortgage rates have increased significantly in the past five years, exacerbating housing affordability issues already impacted by increases in housing costs due to lack of housing stock and rising construction costs.

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 these 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 these needs of Fresno County residents.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County has adopted three actions to 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 2025-26 program year. The County's focus is on proposals for the development of rental units or single-family homes 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 Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (OORP), the County will utilize 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. These funds are also available for rehabilitation of qualified rental housing that is occupied by low- to moderate-income persons.
3. The County may fund CHDOs or other affordable housing developers that are proposing to build

single-family homes for sale to low-income residents or utilize the Self-Help method to promote homeownership.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County's Affordable Housing Programs will actively 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 OORP Program 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. The Lead Hazard Reduction Program is staffed by the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division and funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remediate identified lead hazards in pre-1978 homes in incorporated cities within Fresno County or in the County's unincorporated area where low-income families with children under six reside or visit regularly.

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 PY 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, focuses on four objectives:

1. Business Growth: Foster a competitive business environment that supports the expansion of existing industries, attracts new investment, and drives innovation to create a resilient and diversified economy.
2. Workforce Development: Build a skilled and adaptable workforce to drive Fresno County's economic growth and competitiveness.
3. Infrastructure & Real Estate: Develop and enhance the real estate and infrastructure assets needed to support business growth and strengthen the regional economy.
4. Quality of Place: Elevate the region's quality of place by creating vibrant, resilient communities that attract talent and visitors and support local businesses.

During the Program Year 2025-29, the County of Fresno will strive to reduce the number of families living in poverty by actively working toward and supporting these four 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 its neighborhoods and communities contributes to increased employment in the construction industry and related supporting

businesses and services, assisting in the reduction of poverty.

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 and Fresno County Office of Tourism to create jobs and increase economic activity.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division has opened its doors to new staff and will be investing time and resources in training staff on HUD policies and best practices. The Division will also focus on reviewing and updating policies and procedures. 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.

Additionally, on November 18, 2025, the Office of Housing and Homelessness was established under the County Administrative Office. At this time, the responsibility of Administrative Entity (AE) for the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) as well as ESG and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) planning and oversight were transitioned to this new Department. Staff previously overseeing ESG and HHAP were transitioned as well, ensuring consistency in oversight. Additionally, in December 2025, the County of Fresno OHH became the Collaborative Applicant (CA) for the FMCoC. As the CA and AE, OHH will work with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Behavioral Health, other County Departments, and other jurisdictional partners to evaluate the landscape of services, identify available match funding, and develop the plans for ESG and other homeless services funding in the community.

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

As needed, 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 and development of needed CDBG activities. County staff are also available for consultations with applicants as needed to provide technical

assistance with their application.

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 Office of Housing and Homeless (DSS) administers the ESG program and the CDBG-funded social service activities, as approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), Fresno County's Department of Social Services (DSS) works hard to enhance coordination of homeless services in the community. Membership in the FMCoC spans across various agencies, including housing agencies, government agencies (city and county), health clinics, veterans' associations, and school districts. FMCoC members must pay membership fees, as set annually by the FMCoC Board of Directors, adhere to FMCoC bylaws, maintain good standing in the FMCoC, and meet attendance requirements.

The County will continue to work with the FMCoC to coordinate efforts and resources to meet the needs of populations in need including the homeless of Fresno County. Through the FMCoC Coordinated Entry System (CES), families and individuals can connect to housing resources and move through the system faster by reducing the amount of time people spend moving from program to program before finding the right match. The CES has been found to reduce new entries into homelessness by consistently offering prevention and diversion resources upfront and reducing the number of people entering the system unnecessarily. The FMCoC employs best practices, sharing these practices with public and private social services agencies, and prioritizing individuals and families facing the highest vulnerability and needs for services.

The County will seek additional opportunities to partner with private developers of low-income affordable housing and qualified CHDOs who, with investors and public agencies, are planning for the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing opportunities.

Discussion:

As described in the PY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan's Five-Year Strategic Plan, during 2026-2027, 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 through the use of 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:

The sections below are specific questions HUD asks of grantees about the programs administered.

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

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for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Although during this 5-year cycle, the County of Fresno is not offering HOME funds as direct downpayment assistance to homebuyers, but instead is funding the development of single-family homes, the County maintains an extensive loan portfolio of homes whose owners had received direct financial assistance from the HOME program. In accordance with the Final HOME Rule published in 2025, the County is revising its resale and recapture provisions to reflect required changes.

HOME Periods of Affordability for newly-issued funds shall be aligned with the thresholds identified 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4).

RESALE

The County will enforce resale provisions on assistance provided to homebuyers when HOME assistance is only provided as a development subsidy to the developer and is therefore not subject to recapture, consistent with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(B)(5) and 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i). The Period of Affordability shall be enforced in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i)(B) through deed restrictions, a recorded agreement restricting the use of the property, liens on real property, covenants running with the land, or other similar mechanisms approved by HUD in writing.

If the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability, the housing must be made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as the family's principal residence.

In accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i)(C), the affordability restrictions may terminate upon any of the following termination events: foreclosure, transfer in lieu of foreclosure, or assignment of an FHA-insured mortgage to HUD. If the owner of record before the termination event obtains an ownership interest in the property after the termination event, then the affordability restrictions shall be revived under the same terms prior to the termination event.

To define a Fair Return on Investment, the County will use Resale Formula #4: Fixed Rate, as identified in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i)(A)(4), with the fixed rate identified as 3.0% per year of ownership. With the length of homeownership rounded to the nearest whole year (to prevent changes in required resale price on a monthly basis if the home does not immediately sell).

Affordability to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers shall mean that the fair return sales price is not more than 115% of the median sales price for the Fresno Metro Area. In the event the resale price necessary to provide a fair return to the homebuyer is not affordable to the subsequent homebuyer, the resale price shall be lowered to one dollar less than 115% of the median sales price

for the Fresno Metro Area.

RECAPTURE

The County shall recoup all or a portion of the HOME assistance provided to directly-assisted homebuyers if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the Period of Affordability when there are positive net proceeds (as defined below). The amount of direct assistance is calculated in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A).

Subsequent homebuyers of a HOME-assisted unit may assume the HOME assistance (subject to HOME requirements for the remainder of the period of affordability) if the subsequent homebuyer is low-income and no additional HOME assistance is provided.

In accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(B), when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, the amount recaptured cannot exceed the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

The County will utilize the Shared Net Proceeds method of calculating the HOME amount to be recaptured described in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(B)(3).

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, 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; (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.

Noncompliance

The County annually conducts direct mailing to ensure compliance with occupancy and affordability requirements to all the HOME-assisted homebuyer 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.

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.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

The County is establishing a preference in HOME TBRA for (A) non-homeless households with special needs or disabilities living in the Urban County Area and (B) households with special needs or disabilities referred by the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) living in the Urban County or anywhere outside of the City of Fresno's TBRA program boundaries. Prioritized populations referred by DSS include those households who are participating in the County's Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), which is administered by DSS utilizing funding from the State of California. HDAP regulations require the presence of at least one person with a disability in the participating household. HDAP households must meet the definition of chronically homeless or homeless defined at 24 CFR Part 91.5. HDAP requirements are outlined in California Welfare and Institutions Code section 18999 et seq. and other guidance issued by the State, including All County Letter No. 19-104.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services

received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

The County is not establishing a preference for a specific sub-category of individuals with disabilities.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

To the extent permitted by laws listed at 24 CFR 5.105(a) and in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92, the County may prioritize rental housing projects which include the creation or preservation/rehabilitation of: (1) affordable mobile homes with permanent foundations and a minimum 99-year ground lease, (2) affordable housing which helps the County or the Urban County's participating cities make progress towards satisfying their targets under the State's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), (3) affordable housing with a tenant preference for one or more of the following populations: homeless individuals/families, elderly households, agricultural laborers (when paired with USDA Section 514/516, California Joe Serna Jr., or similar funds), persons with disabilities including Serious Mental Illness (SMI), survivors of domestic violence/dating violence/sexual assault/stalking/human trafficking, veteran households, and households receiving permanent supportive housing or similar supportive services provided by a government agency. In accordance with 24 CFR 92.213, HOME funds may not be used in support of public housing units receiving assistance under Section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (as amended).

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

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

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.220(l)(4)(i) and 567.400(e)(1), the County has developed Written Standards (Policies and Procedures) for the provision of services with, and prioritization of, ESG funding. A copy of the current ESG Policies and Procedures is included in the Appendix.

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

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) has a centralized and coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements. The community's Coordinated Entry System (CES) is led by the CES Management Entity and governed by the FMCoC CES Committee and the FMCoC Board of Directors. The CES committee was convened to achieve the following goals: 1) to bring the FMCoC in compliance with Federal Regulations regarding coordinated entry and assessment that require "a centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment,

and provision of referrals and services. 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.”; 2) to minimize barriers faced by individuals who are experiencing homelessness in accessing the most appropriate and effective housing services to address their needs; and 3) to use the Homeless Management Information System to maximize existing resources and simplify implementation. The ongoing role of the FMCoC CES Committee is to make recommendations on implementing and evaluating the CES. The committee makes recommendations based on input from all stakeholders and other FMCoC Committees. The FMCoC Board has final approval on all CES policies, forms, and tools.

The FMCoC CES 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. Implementation, success, and on-going evaluation of the FMCoC CES, specifically how the system triages clients, prioritizes them for service, and tracks clients through the Continuum of Care are continually evaluated. The County of Fresno participates on the CoC CES committee, and all appropriate homeless services programs participate in the CES accepting referrals through CES and referring clients to CES access sites for linkages to additional services.

Access to the CES is available throughout the entire geographic area of the FMCoC through access sites. Access sites are widespread, including rural areas and are supported by a dedicated phone line and online resources that are available from any location. All outreach staff are trained to provide CES assessments and outreach teams travel across the counties regularly. The regional partners, City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and County of Madera fund additional outreach services, which allows more people to be connected.

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

The Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) Board of Directors and its general membership are 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 and other available data 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, the County follows its procurement process and typically uses a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select vendors and award agreements. 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 available to the public. A review committee may include the City, County, and FMCoC representatives, including those with lived experience, 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 may 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.

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

The (FMCoC) has met the homeless participation requirement noted above. The FMCoC employs a Lived Experience Coordinator, who leads a team of lived experience representatives in obtaining and communicating input for FMCoC leadership and programs. 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.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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

The number of homeless families and individuals from the FMCoC Point-in-Time Count; the percentage of individuals and families exiting the street from street outreach; the percentage of individuals and families permanently housed from rapid rehousing; the percentage of individuals and families with a positive exit from emergency shelter; the housing retention at 6 and 12 months for individuals and families exiting homelessness to permanent housing; the length of time homeless for program participants; and the capacity utilization rate for emergency shelters. 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.



ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2026-2027

APPENDIX

**APPENDIX TABLES (2026-27 CITY,
UNINCORPORATED, PUBLIC SERVICES,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVATIONS)**

2026-27 City Activities	
City/Activity	CDBG Amount
Fowler - Panzak Park ADA (Add CDBG funds to existing project)	\$118,050
Kerman – Solar Streetlights, Phase II	\$190,737
Kingsburg – Street and Alley Improvements, Phase I	\$ 30,000
Mendota – Rojas Park Improvements, Phase III (Design)	\$ 45,000
Orange Cove – Sheridan Park, Phase II	\$230,030
Orange Cove – Park Blvd Street Resurfacing	\$241,581
Reedley – Jefferson Elementary Street Imps, Phase I	\$ 50,000
Sanger – JFK Trail Lighting Imps, Phase II	\$412,241
Selma - Sidewalk Connectivity, Phase IV (Construction)	\$224,884
Total	\$1,542,523

2026-27 Unincorporated Area
CDBG Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvement Projects

New Projects for Design Phase

Rank	Project Name	CDBG Amt- Design Phase	CDBG Amt- Full Project
1	Tranquillity Sewer System Improvements	\$50,000	\$300,000
2	Malaga Community Center Pool Rehabilitation	\$50,000	\$300,000
3	Riverdale Accessibility and Drainage Improvements	\$50,000	\$300,000

Existing Projects for Construction Phase

Project Name	CDBG Amount
Tranquillity Emergency Generator	\$275,000
Malaga Wastewater Treatment Plant Disposal Pond Rehabilitation	\$260,000
Del Rey Community Hall & Senior Center	\$255,000
Del Rey Water Valve Improvements	\$250,000

Based on receipt of projected program income, \$1,071,589 of CDBG funding is recommended for Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvement Projects in the Unincorporated Area. These funds will be used for the listed individual infrastructure projects, and include \$50,000 set-aside for the County's direct project delivery costs for new and existing public facility and infrastructure improvement projects.

Projects are funded from the New Projects for Design Phase in ranking order based on availability of CDBG funds and the need to add projects to the Existing Projects for Construction Phase list. Projects funded from this list will normally be funded for the Design Phase only.

Projects are funded from the Existing Projects for Construction Phase based on availability of CDBG funds and the completion of the Design phase of the project.

2026-27 Public Services	
Project Name	CDBG Amount
Sheriff's Area-Based Policing	\$300,000
Community-based Social Services Programs	\$135,000
Total	\$435,000

**HOME and HOME-ARP Funded
2026-27 Affordable Housing Project Reservations**

	Project Name	City	Project Type	HOME or HOME-ARP Amount
1	Reedley Elderly, Self-Help Enterprises	Reedley	Rehab Multifamily	\$2,000,000
2	Selma Elderly, Self-Help Enterprises	Selma	Rehab Multifamily	\$2,000,000
3	Sendero Commons, UPHoldings & RH Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME-ARP (New Development): \$2,500,000 • HOME-ARP (Operating Costs): \$450,000 • State Perm Local Housing Allocation (PLHA): \$2,364,219 	Sanger	New Multifamily	\$2,950,000
4	Park Kingsburg, Horizon ELOM	Kingsburg	Rehab Multifamily	\$2,000,000
5	HOME-ARP Supportive Services	Countywide	Services	\$772,651
6	HOME-ARP Operating Assistance & Capacity Building	Countywide	Support to Nonprofit	\$495,200
6	Affordable Housing Development Projects identified by the review committee in response to the County's 2026 Affordable Housing Development Notice of Funding Opportunity, which are anticipated to be identified prior to July 21, 2026	Any JPA Partner City or Rural Community	New Multifamily and/or New Single Family	\$5,018,870

These reservations are contingent upon final underwriting, the developer successfully securing all other necessary funding, and successful completion of the NEPA within the time specified in the reservation letter. For any project that fails to do so, the reserved funds will be reallocated for other new affordable housing projects, multifamily rehabilitation, or HOME TBRA depending on need.

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IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FRESNO COUNTY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The hearing will be held on November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)

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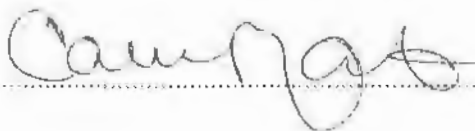
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Fresno, California,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FRESNO COUNTY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The County of Fresno Consolidated Plan Committee will hold a public hearing on the County of Fresno's Annual Action Plan of proposed uses for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds during the 2026-27 program year. The public hearing will include a review of prior year program performance, housing and community development needs, and related housing and community development programs. The hearing will be held on November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, on the 8th Floor, 2220 Tulare St, Fresno, CA.

The hearing will also be held by teleconference at (559) 494-4226 (Conference ID 770 090 357#), and by Microsoft Teams, using Teams or a web browser, at <https://tinyurl.com/2k8skxvy>. Members of the public wishing to comment outside of the Consolidated Plan Committee public hearing may also do so by calling the Community Development Grants Unit at (559) 600-4292, by writing to the Community Development Division, 2220 Tulare St, 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, or by email at Comdev@fresnocountyca.gov. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Community Development at (559) 600-4292.

The County of Fresno does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504, any request for special needs will be considered. To request accommodations, please call Jared Nimer at (559) 600-4292, by Friday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m.
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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DEL CONDADO DE FRESNO

La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 19 de noviembre de 2025, a las 6:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)

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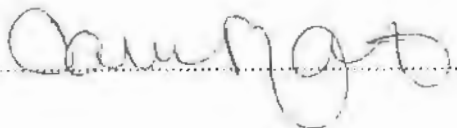
El Comité del Plan Consolidado del Condado de Fresno llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el Plan de Acción Anual del Condado de Fresno de los usos propuestos para la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG por sus siglas en Inglés), el Programa de Asociación de Inversión en vivienda (HOME) y el Programa de Subvenciones para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG por sus siglas en Inglés) durante el año programático 2026-27. La audiencia pública incluirá una revisión del desempeño del programa del año anterior, las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, y los programas relacionados con la vivienda y el desarrollo comunitario. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 19 de noviembre de 2025, a las 6:00 p.m., en la Sala de Conferencias A, en el piso 8, 2220 Tulare St, Fresno, CA. La audiencia también se llevará a cabo por teleconferencia al (559) 494-4226 (ID de conferencia 770 090 357#), y por Microsoft Teams, utilizando Teams o un navegador web, en <https://tinyurl.com/2e8skxvy>

Los miembros del público que desee comentar fuera de la audiencia pública del Comité del Plan Consolidado también pueden hacerlo llamando a la Unidad de Subvenciones para el Desarrollo Comunitario al (559) 600-4292, por correo a la División de Desarrollo Comunitario, 2220 Tulare St, 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, por correo electrónico a Comdev@fresnocountyca.gov. Si tiene alguna pregunta o comentario, comuníquese con Community Development al (559) 600-4292. El Condado de Fresno no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, origen nacional, discapacidad (estado civil). De acuerdo con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidad (ADA por sus siglas en Inglés) y la Sección 504, se considerará cualquier solicitud de necesidades especiales. Para solicitar adaptaciones, llame a Jared Nimer al (559) 600-4292, antes de viernes 14 de noviembre a las 3:00 p.m. 10/17/2025

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT 2026-2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Summary of Comments Received on November 19, 2025, at the Consolidated Plan Committee Meeting:

Public Comment: At the public meeting held preceding the preparation of the 2026-2027 Action Plan on November 19, 2025, no comments were received regarding community needs or other items to consider during preparation of the 2026-2027 Action Plan. Questions were asked regarding the County's planned Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and the HMIS system, and County staff provided additional details regarding these items.

- **County's Response:** NA

Summary of Comments Received on the Draft 2026-2027 Action Plan:

This section will be updated after the close of the public comment period on May 19, 2026.

Summary of Comments Received on May 19, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting:

This section will be updated after the Board of Supervisors' meeting on May 19, 2026.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT – POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

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

July 2025

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*Emergency Solutions Grants
Policy and Procedure Guide*

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 or remote monitoring and audits of subrecipients as appropriate to ensure proper administration of the program. Monitoring activities will include reviewing subrecipients financials, compliance with regulations, and participant eligibility. Any negative findings from monitoring activities must be included in the monitoring report to the subrecipient, along with corrective actions to be taken by the subrecipient. Audits will review client files for initial and re-evaluation documentation and records of compliance with ESG regulations. Subrecipients must include the following in all client files based on program activities:

Emergency Shelter:

- HMIS Intake Form
- HMIS Release of Information Form
- Homeless Status Verification Documentation

- Emergency Shelter Documentation
 - Diversion and Rapid Exit ♦ Essential services ♦ Housing-focused services ♦ Housing stability plan / Case notes ♦ Service documentation
- Payment Documentation
- Termination of Assistance (if applicable)

Homeless Prevention:

- HMIS Intake Form
- HMIS Release of Information Form
- Homeless Status Verification Documentation
- Housing Stability Plan Documentation
 - Housing Stability Plan ♦ Case Management Documentation ♦ Rapid Exit Services Provided ♦ Other Service Documentation & Amounts (except as already documented in this section’s Rental Assistance Agreement sub-section above; Payments sub-section below; and Financial Assistance in Financial Assistance Section)
- Income Eligibility and Rent Determination
 - Income evaluation form and verification documents
- Habitability Standards
- Lead Based Paint Disclosures
 - Lead Regulations Screening Worksheet must be used for verification of Lead-Based Paint compliance.
 - “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home” pamphlet
 - Passed inspection reports, compliance steps completed to ensure safe and decent housing units when children under six living in the unit, lead hazard information and documentation kept by landlords (Staff must review and understand HUDs Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Rule and Safe Housing Rule)
- Residential Lease Agreement (if rental or financial assistance provided)
- Type of Rental Assistance
- Payment Documentation
- Rental Assistance Agreement
- Rent Reasonableness Certification
- VAWA Documentation
 - VAWA Lease Amendment (must be an addendum to the residential lease agreement) ♦ VAWA Notice of Occupancy Rights (HUD 5380 ♦ VAWA Victim Certification Form (HUD 5382) (if applicable) ♦ VAWA Emergency Transfer Request (HUD 5383)
- Financial Assistance Tracking
- Re-evaluation (if applicable)

- Termination of Assistance (if applicable)

Rapid Rehousing:

- HMIS Intake Form
- HMIS Release of Information Form
- Homeless Status Verification Documentation
- Housing Stability Plan and Services Documentation
 - Housing Stability Plan ♦ Related Case Management Documentation ♦ Rapid Exit Services Provided ♦ Other Service Documentation & Amounts (except as already documented in this section's Rental Assistance Agreement sub-section above; Payments sub-section below; and Financial Assistance in Financial Assistance Section)
- Income and Rent Determination Documentation
 - Income evaluation form and verification documents
- Habitability Standards Report
- Lead-Based Paint Disclosures
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- Financial Assistance Tracking
- Re-Evaluation Report (if applicable)
- Termination of Assistance (if applicable)

Street Outreach:

- HMIS Intake Form

- HMIS Release of Information Form
- Homeless Status Verification Documentation
- Street Outreach Activity Documentation:
 - Housing Stability Plan ♦ Case Management Documentation ♦ Diversion and Rapid Exit Services Provided ♦ Other Service & Assistance Documentation
- Termination of Assistance (if applicable)

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 or HCD, and as may be amended from time to time. The procedures contained herein serve to simplify the implementation of HUD or HCD 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. County Administration of ESG

County staff must read and follow ESG guidelines as issued by HUD or HCD, and as may be amended from time to time. The procedures contained herein serve to simplify the HUD regulations for the administration of ESG activities by the County of Fresno.

For all County agreements funded in whole or in part with ESG or ESG-CV funding, an award letter will include the Unique Entity Identifier number of the

subrecipient, as well as the total amount of the ESG award being committed to the subrecipient within the agreement. In addition, the award letter will clearly stipulate which activities ESG funding is being allocated to, including a double billing clause to ensure that subrecipients do not charge goods and services more than once.

To ensure ESG funds are expended for eligible activities and allocable costs under the appropriate awarded budget line item, Fresno County will monitor its draws with internal controls allowing time for invoices to be reviewed by multiple parties to ensure costs are eligible and allowable.

Fresno County will review to ensure there are adequate supporting documentations for all costs charged to ESG grant when requesting for reimbursement. The documentations should clearly show costs that are allowable, allocable, necessary, and reasonable.

The County and its Subrecipients must maintain supporting documentation for all costs charged to the ESG grant. While supporting documentation varies by cost-type, the following must be adhered to, at minimum, for personnel and non-personnel costs:

Personnel Costs:

- Timesheets that account for all hours worked during the week, specifically identifying the number of hours worked directly on each project/activity by funding source and are signed by the employee and immediate supervisor.
- Proof of payment (i.e., copy of the cancelled check, or bank statement or Payroll records).
- General ledger that verifies expenditures by project/activity and funding source.

Non-Personnel Costs:

- Verification of compliance with procurement requirements (if applicable).
- Invoices, receipts, or purchase orders.
- Proof of payment (i.e., copy of the cancelled check or bank statement).
- General ledger that verifies expenditures by project/activity and funding source.

All Fresno County staff authorizing ESG invoices must complete training regarding allowable costs prior to authorizing invoices. Trainings must be completed annually thereafter to ensure knowledge is current.

Before approving a HUD Drawdown, Finance Accountant will send the approval to the ESG analyst with a copy of the transactions, After the approval from ESG analyst, the Finance Accountant will send to another Finance Accountant to approve the drawdown who is also authorized to access IDIS to double-check and approve the Drawdown. Once approved, The Accountant will send an e-mail to the Treasurer's mailbox indicating the expected funds from HUD. When funds are received, the Treasurer's office will send an e-mail and the Accountant must prepare a deposit for those funds. Once deposit is prepared, the Accountant will

send an e-mail to the Treasurer Mailbox asking to process the deposit (With Deposit ID), CC the ESG Analyst to inform him receipt of funds.

To request for reimbursement for HCD ESG, the ESG Analyst will need to complete a Request for Fund (RFF) form for the period the funds were spent and include supporting documentations. The Analyst will complete a financial report in E-Civis and upload the RFF and supporting documentations to E-Civis for the HCD Grant Administrator to review and approve.

6. 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 include 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.).

H. Rental Assistance for Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention

Rent restrictions. Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness (refer to page 16).

For purposes of calculating rent under this section, the rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy under the lease (other than late fees and pet fees) and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by the public housing authority for the area in which the housing is located.

Rental assistance agreement. The recipient or subrecipient may make rental assistance payments only to an owner with whom the recipient or subrecipient has entered into a rental assistance agreement. The rental assistance agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided, including the requirements that apply under this section. The rental assistance agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the recipient or subrecipient a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit or any complaint used under State or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant. Each rental assistance agreement that is executed or renewed on or after *December 16, 2016* must include all protections that apply to tenants and applicants, except for the emergency transfer plan requirements. If the housing is not assisted under another "covered housing program", the agreement may provide that the owner's obligations under Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, expire at the end of the rental assistance period.

Late payments. The recipient or subrecipient is solely responsible for paying late payment penalties that it incurs with non-ESG funds.

Lease. Each program participant receiving rental assistance must have a written lease for the rental unit, unless the assistance is solely for rental arrears. The lease must be between the owner and the program participant. Where the assistance is solely for rental arrears, an oral agreement may be accepted in place of a written lease, if the agreement gives the program participant an enforceable leasehold interest under state law and the agreement and rent owed are sufficiently documented by the owner's financial records, rent ledgers, or canceled checks. Each lease executed on or after December 16, 2016 must include a lease provision or incorporate a lease addendum that includes all requirements that apply to tenants, the owner or lease regarding the protection for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.

Tenant-based rental assistance.

- (1) A program participant who receives tenant-based rental assistance may select a housing unit to live and may move to another unit or building and continue to receive rental assistance, as long as the program participant continues to meet the program requirements.
- (2) The recipient may require that all program participants live within a particular area for the period in which the rental assistance is provided.
- (3) The rental assistance agreement with the owner must terminate and no further rental assistance payments is made if:
 - (a) The program participant moves out of the housing unit for which the program participant has a lease;
 - (b) The lease terminates and is not renewed; or
 - (c) The program participant becomes ineligible to receive ESG rental assistance.

The records must include copies of all leases and rental assistance agreements for the provision of rental assistance, documentation of payments made to owners for the provision of rental assistance, and supporting documentation for these payments, including dates of occupancy by program participants.

7. 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. The order of priority for obtaining evidence of homeless status is third-party documentation first, intake worker observations second, and certification from the person seeking assistance third.

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 9. Income Determination*.

8. 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.

9. 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 Homelessness Prevention 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.

10. 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.

11. Program Income

Program income collected from program participants must be used for ESG eligible activities. Rents and occupancy charges collected from residents of transitional housing may be reserved, in whole or in part, to assist the residents from whom they are collected to move to permanent housing.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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: the address and APN of location where services will be provided and a detailed program description.

16. 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) per program participant, per service, including up to six months of utility payments in arrears, per service.

17. 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 to 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).

18. 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.

19. Confidentiality

Each subrecipient must develop and implement procedures to ensure:

The recipient and its subrecipients must develop and implement written procedures to ensure:

- (i) All records containing personally identifying information (as defined in HUD's standards for participation, data collection, and reporting in a local HMIS) of any

individual or family who applies for and/or receives ESG assistance will be kept secure and confidential;

(ii) The address or location of any domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shelter project assisted under the ESG will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of the shelter; and

(iii) The address or location of any housing of a program participant will not be made public, except as provided under a preexisting privacy policy of the recipient or subrecipient and consistent with state and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

(2) The confidentiality procedures of the recipient and its subrecipients must be in writing and must be maintained in accordance with this section.

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

20. 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.

21. Non-Discrimination

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or marital status, 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.

22. 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.

23. 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 that 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.

24. 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.

25. Communications

(a) The recipient shall take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication with applicants, beneficiaries, and members of the public.

(1) The recipient shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids where necessary to afford an individual with handicaps an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

(i) In determining what auxiliary aids are necessary, the recipient shall give primary consideration to the requests of the individual with handicaps.

(ii) The recipient is not required to provide individually prescribed devices, readers for personal use or study, or other devices of a personal nature.

(2) Where a recipient communicates with applicants and beneficiaries by telephone, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TDD's) or equally effective communication systems shall be used.

(b) The recipient shall adopt and implement procedures to ensure that interested persons (including persons with impaired vision or hearing) can obtain information concerning the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities.

(c) This section does not require a recipient to take any action that the recipient can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. If an action would result in such an alteration or burdens, the recipient shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with handicaps receive the benefits and services of the program or activity receiving HUD assistance.

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. b. Any renovation (including major rehabilitation and conversion) carried out with ESG assistance uses Energy Star and WaterSense products and appliances.
		<p>2. <i>Access.</i> Where applicable, the shelter is accessible in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8; b. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100; and c. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) and 28 CFR part 35.
		<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The shelter has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. b. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the shelter.
		<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. b. All public areas of the shelter have at least one working smoke detector.

		c. The fire alarm system is designed for hearing-impaired residents. d. There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.
		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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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: County of Fresno	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/>	* c. UEI: LGJ1SMMN9XR6

d. Address:

* Street1:	2220 Tulare Street
Street2:	6th Floor
* City:	Fresno
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	CA: California
Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	93721-2126

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Public Works and Planning	Division Name: Community Development
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Jonathan
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Avedian	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title: Senior Staff Analyst

Organizational Affiliation:
County of Fresno

* Telephone Number: 559-600-4292 Fax Number: 559-600-4573

* Email: javedian@fresnocountyca.gov

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.218

Assistance Listing Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

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:**

Program Year 26-27 - CDBG Admin; Housing Program Admin & Project Delivery Costs; Housing Rehab; Public Facilities & Infrastructure; Public Services

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="1,182,500.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="4,558,962.00"/>

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Yes No

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** 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:

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Steven E. White

*Title: Director, Department of Public Works and Planning

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

County of Fresno

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant

will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. 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) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of **the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.**

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy):

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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Jennifer
Middle Name: _____	
* Last Name: Kirkpatrick	
Suffix: _____	

Title: Senior Staff Analyst

Organizational Affiliation:
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* Telephone Number: 559-600-4292	Fax Number: 559-600-4573
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US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.239

Assistance Listing Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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Program Year 26-27 - HOME Program Administration; Affordable Housing Development; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation

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* b. End Date:

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* Date Signed:

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By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Steven E. White

*Title: Director, Department of Public Works and Planning

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

County of Fresno

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et.seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

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8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et.seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of **the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.**

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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:

05/27/2026

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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):

* c. UEI:

d. Address:

* Street1:

Street2:

* City:

Fresno

County/Parish:

* State:

CA: California

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

County Administrative Office

Division Name:

Housing and Homelessness

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

County of Fresno

* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

* Email:

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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:**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Assistance Listing Number:

14.231

Assistance Listing Title:

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

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:**

Program Year 26-27 - Emergency Solutions Grant Administration; Emergency Solutions Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="278,809.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="281,704.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="560,513.00"/>

*** 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.

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Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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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 18, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

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CERTIFICATIONS

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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 75.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Director of Public Works and Planning
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant 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(s) 2026 [a period specified by the grantee 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 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 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 of Authorized Official

Date

Director of Public Works and Planning
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which 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 to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

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 of Authorized Official

Date

Director of Public Works and Planning
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – 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 recipient 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 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 these 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 of Authorized Official

Date

Director, Department of Social Services
Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

- 1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
- 2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

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.