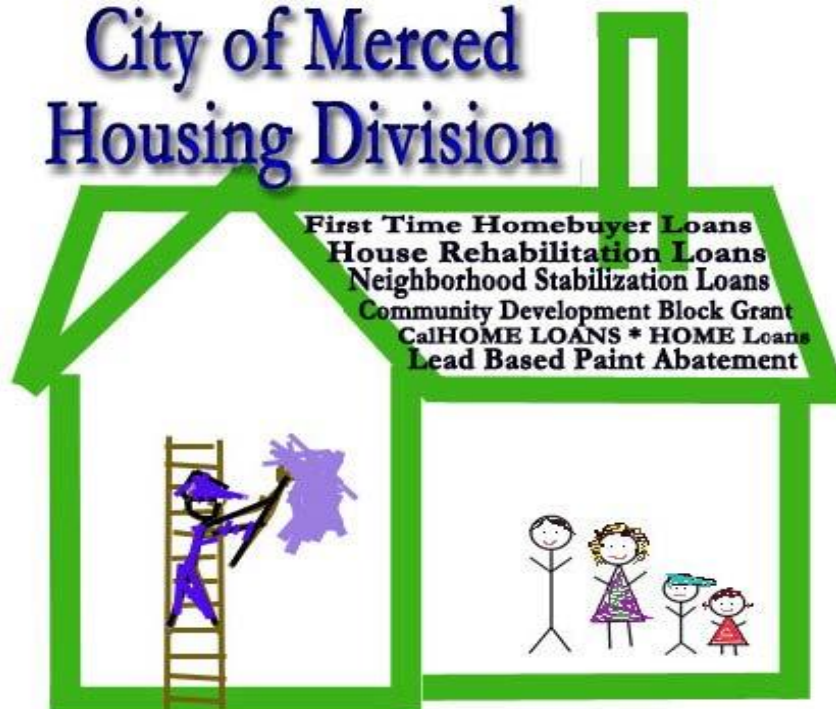


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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Merced has prepared and proudly presents the 2019 Annual Action Plan, which covers the fifth-year goals described in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan identifies various activities proposed to be funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and other fiscal resources to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Program Income, City of Merced Enterprise, and General Fund resources during the program year. The City has budgeted to receive \$1,099,563 in CDBG funds and \$499,892 in HOME funds, totaling \$1,599,455 from HUD as an entitlement grant during the 2019-20 fiscal year. The City has a total budget for the 2019 program year of \$1,743,455, which consists of CDBG and HOME fiscal year allocation and anticipated program income from loan payments.

In order to be eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, the City of Merced must submit a Consolidated Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) every five years. Each community is then required to submit an Annual Action Plan each year that outlines how the Community will utilize these funds to achieve these goals. The Consolidated Plan is an assessment and analysis of local conditions and issues related to housing, homelessness, community development, and economic development. Utilizing a comprehensive outreach and citizen participation process, the Consolidated Plan describes priority needs facing the community and develops strategies to address those needs. The Annual Plan also identifies funding priorities and details the projects proposed to receive Federal funds under the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. This 2019 Annual Action Plan is the fifth of the five required annual updates to the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan.

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Table 1
Program Funding for FY 2019-20

Source of Funds	CDBG	HOME	Other	Total
Grant FY 2019/20	\$ 1,099,563.00	\$ 499,892.00	\$ -	\$ 1,599,455.00
Program Income FY 2019/20 (estimate)	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 144,000.00
CalHome 06 (FTHB Program)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,783.00	\$ 230,783.00
CalHome 12 (FTHB Program)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,282.00	\$ 34,282.00
FUND 071/471 - LMI Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,390,476.00	\$ 1,390,476.00
State HOME (92/93/94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,171.00	\$ 265,171.00
Fiscal Year 2018/19 Carryover	\$ 590,829.77	\$ 448,661.63	\$ -	\$ 1,039,491.40
Current Active Projects & ADC (Previously Encumbered/Funded)	\$ 1,539,503.00	\$ 1,397,292.00	\$ 671,756.00	\$ 3,608,551.00
Total Revenue / Carryover / Previously Encumbered FY 18-19	\$ 3,313,895.77	\$ 2,405,845.63	\$ 2,592,468.00	\$ 8,312,209.40
HUD Funding Allocations – CDBG				
Total CDBG Program Amount (Allocation + Program Income + Carryover)	\$ 3,313,895.77			
Administrative (Admin + Activity Delivery Cost)	\$ 380,907.77			
Capital Improvements	\$ -			
Development Projects & Activities	\$ 1,228,565.00			
Public Service	\$ 164,920.00			
Current Active Projects (Previously Encumbered/Funded)	\$ 1,539,503.00			
CDBG - Total Unencumbered Balance	\$ -			
HUD Funding Allocations – HOME				
Total HOME Program Amount (Allocation + Program Income + Carryover)	\$ 2,405,845.63			
Administrative (Admin + Activity Delivery Cost)	\$ 213,853.63			
Development Projects & Activities	\$ 794,700.00			
Current Active Projects (Previously Encumbered/Funded)	\$ 1,397,292.00			
HOME - Total Unencumbered Balance	\$ -			
Other				
Total Other Program Amount (Allocation + Program Income + Carryover)	\$ 2,592,468.00			
Administrative (Admin + Activity Delivery Cost)	\$ 269,078.00			
Projects & Activities - Other (GT2 Infrastructure)	\$ 1,651,634.00			
Current Active Projects (Previously Encumbered/Funded)	\$ 671,756.00			
Other – Total Unencumbered Balance	\$ -			
Total Remaining to be Allocated				
	\$ -			

Anticipated Program Allocation and Revenues

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The Needs Assessment within the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan identified several target populations:

- Extremely low-income and very low-income households;
- Seniors;
- Youth, primarily ages 6 – 17;
- Persons with disabilities;

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- Foster youth;
- Public facilities (either new or upgrades/expansions to existing facilities), including community centers, youth facilities, community gardens, and one-stop service centers;
- Affordable housing programs for new housing construction, the preservation and rehabilitation of existing rental housing, emergency housing repairs, down payment assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance;
- Crime prevention activities to provide resources to support law enforcement and crime prevention programming in designated neighborhoods;
- Public improvements, especially those focused on increasing accessibility, such as ADA curbs, ramps and sidewalk infill, and storm drainage and flooding improvements;
- Public services for a wide range of populations, including seniors, youth, disabled persons, homeless households, foster youth, displaced workers, and households with fair housing issues;
- Employment development services to provide training and support job creation.

Through the full five-year term of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Merced anticipates funding a variety of projects related to these needs. While the Housing Division would like to fund all of these programs and projects, the reality is that the necessary funding needed will need to be secured from a variety of resources and partnerships. Given the City's relatively small CDBG and HOME allocations, funds for affordable housing or other large capital improvement projects will need to come from other sources, such as the reprogrammed program income generated from the CalHome First Time Homebuyer Program, the State of California's 2017 Housing Package, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and possibly other Federal Grants.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Merced received \$1,128,771 in CDBG and \$520,415 in HOME entitlement funds in FY 2018/19. The City funded eight public service programs this past year. The funding for these programs encompassed a variety of services to benefit youth, income-eligible households, seniors, homeless persons, and other special needs groups. Award amounts ranged from \$7,000 to \$60,000, for a total amount of \$186,400 allocated to public service activities.

In FY 2018-19, the City accomplished many of the goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City also worked with HUD to bring several areas into compliance.

Below is a list of accomplishments and improvements to the Annual Action Plan:

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- Rehabilitation projects to provide suitable housing for low-income households.
- The City continued working with Habitat for Humanity to carry out the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.
- Worked with Engineering Department to replace infrastructure and non-compliant ramps and sidewalks.
- Was able to finalize the funding for a 50-unit Affordable Housing project. The project began construction in Summer of 2019.
- Increased the funding provided to local non-profit organizations.
- Provided funding for various youth programs.
- Increased the amount of funds provided to homeless services.
- Participation in and funding for the enhancement of the Merced County Continuum of Care and 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Provided funding for Fair Housing Services operated by Project Sentinel.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

1. Worked with City Departments to finalize the Cost Allocation Plan for the City of Merced. The completion of the Cost Allocation Plan allowed the finding from HUD to be cleared, allowing the Finance Department to be reimbursed for programmatic indirect administrative costs.
2. Worked with Habitat for Humanity to abate the City's Lead Paint finding. Addressing this through the existing Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, the City teamed with this non-profit to test and (if needed) abate lead paint from seven properties. City staff worked with our HUD Representative to ensure all the properties were properly tested and cleared.

More details regarding these accomplishments will be found in the City's 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), due for completion by September 2019. Upon completion, the CAPER will be available on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org.

The City also supported community development projects based on clearly-identified needs. Among these initiatives were programs that focused on handicapped accessibility projects and public infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods. These types of public service programs and development projects were priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

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*Table 2
Program Activities for FY 2019-20*

Current Active Projects (Previously Encumbered/Funded)	
CDBG	
Project Activity Costs (ADC) - Prior Fiscal Years	\$ 164,118.00
Habitat for Humanity – Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$ 450,000.00
25th & 26th Street ADA improvements (John Muir School)	\$ 184,389.00
Buena Vista Drive & G Street ADA Improvements	\$ 315,417.00
Water Main Replacement T & 7 th Street	\$ 54,989.00
Gateway Terrace II - CVCAH (FY 16/17)	\$ 370,590.00
CDBG Total	\$ 1,539,503.00
HOME	
Habitat for Humanity – Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$ 150,000.00
Gateway Terrace II - CVCAH	\$ 1,014,410.00
Project Activity Costs (ADC) - Prior Fiscal Years	\$ 232,882.00
HOME Total	\$ 1,397,292.00
OTHER	
Gateway Terrace II Apartments (Offsite Public Infrastructure)	\$ 436,280.00
NSP3 - Habitat for Humanity Rehabilitation / Homeowner Rehab	\$ 40,000.00
HOME 92/93/94 - Habitat for Humanity Rehabilitation / Homeowner Rehab	\$ 152,006.00
Project Activity Costs (ADC) - Prior Fiscal Years	\$ 43,470.00
OTHER Total	\$ 671,756.00
Previously Encumbered Projects Total	\$ 3,608,551.00

Current Projects and Activities

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Two of the formal objectives of the Plan are to: 1) promote citizen participation in the development of local priority needs and objectives; and, 2) encourage consultation with public and private agencies to identify shared needs and solutions to persistent community problems. The Housing Division of the Development Services Department invites the community to provide input regarding HUD-funded programs and projects. This Citizen’s Participation Plan outlines the way the City communicates with residents regarding the use and expenditure of HUD funds. Community and neighborhood meetings are organized by City staff and/or by local community-based organizations to seek community input and identify community needs.

These meetings serve several purposes:

- Obtain community input about how funds should be spent;
- Solicit information about neighborhood needs;
- Build a sense of community among neighborhood residents;
- Encourage community empowerment and a greater community voice; and,
- Provide neighborhoods with information about City services.

Additionally, the Housing Division staff works with various City Departments to ensure that capital improvement projects are on schedule and will be completed within a timely manner. The Housing Program Supervisor also participates in the Merced Continuum of Care, participates in the yearly homeless street count, and serves on the City of Merced ADA Committee/Citizen Advisory

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Panel. Finally, the Housing Program Supervisor ensures the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is implemented in the community through our partnership with Project Sentinel.

Table 3
Program Activities for FY 2019-20

Administrative	
CDBG	
Administrative Expenses - Fiscal Year 2019/20	\$ 79,851.47
Project Activity Costs - Fiscal Year 2019/20	\$ 144,700.00
Continuum of Care Plan	\$ 38,000.00
Indirect Administrative Expenses - Fiscal Year 2019/20	\$ 118,356.30
CDBG Total	\$ 380,907.77
HOME	
Administrative Expenses - Fiscal Year 2019/20	\$ 54,913.63
Project Activity Costs - Fiscal Year 2019/20	\$ 158,940.00
HOME Total	\$ 213,853.63
OTHER	
CalHome 06 - Administrative Expense	\$ 2,366.55
CalHome 06 - Activity Delivery Costs	\$ 12,225.45
CalHome 12 - Administrative Expense	\$ 1,671.28
CalHome 12 - Activity Delivery Costs	\$ 2,135.72
State HOME (92/93/94) - Activity Delivery Costs	\$ 60,203.00
Administrative Expenses - Fiscal Year 2018/19 (071)	\$ 100,656.00
Professional Services Contracts (Fund 071)	\$ 89,820.00
Other Total	\$ 269,078.00
Total Administrative Costs (CDBG/HOME/Other)	\$ 863,839.40
Public Services / Fair Housing Services	
CDBG	
Project Sentinel - Fair Housing	\$ 30,000.00
Merced Rescue Mission - Warming Center	\$ 20,000.00
Restore Merced - Restore Jobs	\$ 55,000.00
Merced Rescue Mission - Housing Deposits	\$ 15,000.00
Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project - Homeless Assistance	\$ 15,000.00
First Time Home Buyer Classes (12 Sessions*\$410)	\$ 4,920.00
LifeLine Community Development Corporation (CDC) of Merced County	\$ 10,000.00
Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition - Elder Housing	\$ 15,000.00
Total Public / Fair Housing Services	\$ 164,920.00
Development Projects & Activities	
CDBG	
HUD 108 Loan Payment	\$ 81,565.00
Gateway Terrace II Apartments - Change Order	\$ 250,000.00
Merced Rescue Mission - Acquisition of Property	\$ 297,000.00
Habitat - Stanislaus - Brush with Kindness	\$ 300,000.00
SSG - Acquisition of Property	\$ 300,000.00
CDBG Total	\$ 1,228,565.00
HOME	
Childs Court Apartments (FY CHDO 18/19)	\$ 410,000.00
Childs Court Apartments (CHDO (FY 19/20)	\$ 300,000.00
Habitat - Stanislaus - Brush with Kindness	\$ 84,700.00
HOME Total	\$ 794,700.00
OTHER	
CalHome 06 FTHB Program	\$ 216,191.00
CalHome 12 FTHB Program	\$ 30,475.00
State HOME 92/93/94 FTHB / OOR Program	\$ 204,968.00
Childs & B Street - PSH (Fund 071 & 471)	\$ 1,200,000.00
Other Total	\$ 1,651,634.00
Total Development Projects & Activities	\$ 3,674,899.00

Proposed Projects and Activities

5. Summary of public comments

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

To broaden the extent of communication between the City of Merced, its public citizens, and its public agencies, the Housing Division has sponsored or participated in six separate functions over the year. Housing Division staff has participated in informing the citizens of Merced and taking note of expressed community needs by attending the three City of Merced Town Hall meetings. In addition, three HUD Annual Plan meetings were held to inform citizens and non-profit organizations of the community assistance funding process for FY 2019-20.

In order to reach and engage with the citizens, Housing Division staff attended the three City of Merced Town Hall meetings. At the Town Hall meetings, the citizens were able to informally address City Council with their requests for City budget funds. This gave the Housing Division the opportunity to directly engage with citizens before and after the meetings. For those citizens that left their contact information a follow-up telephone call was made to find out if there was any additional information the Housing Division could provide after the initial meeting contact.

While many of the different topics discussed at these meetings did not specifically relate to the Housing Division, the comments that did were focused upon housing for homeless Veterans and providing funding for homeless services. The City's Housing Division, in partnering with Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing, is proposing to begin construction of a 50-Unit affordable housing development known as Gateway Terrace II Apartments. Lastly, \$164,920 was budgeted for local non-profit organizations to serve the community through a variety of public service programs.

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City of Merced Housing HUD Annual Plan and Community Meetings For Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Presentation delivered by Mark Hamilton, Housing Program Supervisor

Handouts available to attendees were: Public notices, CDBG & HOME application instructions, questions & answers to programs, submittal check list, and the application to program. Each session was informed of the application submittal deadlines and that there may be limited funding available for CDBG grants for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Introductions included staff and community organization introductions, and Mark presented a PowerPoint presentation to introduce what the City of Merced Housing department offers for Merced and past and present projects, including the Child Court and Gateway Terrace II affordable housing projects.

At the end of each presentation, Mark sets aside time for a question and answer session with opportunities for attending organizations to speak to each other, which encourages collaboration and teamwork within the community.

Thursday, November 29, 2018 - Fire Station #55, 3520 North Parsons, 6:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing	Christina Alley	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to represent past/current projects the CVCAH and the City have partnered with together.
2	(None – attended as member of the public)	Mia Fowler	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to learn about affordable housing.
3	Habitat for Humanity, Merced County	Jan Sorge	Wants funding in order to rehabilitate an existing home on Parsons Avenue. Staff encouraged her to submit an application for funding assistance.
4	Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus County	Anita Hellem	Would like to continue with the homeowner rehab program for the next fiscal year.
Notes: <u>Questions were answered on these topics:</u> the perception of why more permanent supportive housing seems to be in South Merced, defining permanent supportive housing, housing rehabilitation program projects and funding parameters, and the differences of acquisition vs. rehab projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the shortage of housing units in Merced, including causes and ways to solve it.			

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Tuesday, January 3, 2019 - Merced Senior Center, 755 West 15th Street - 6:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Merced Lao Family	Zer Yang	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
2	Kiwanis of Greater Merced	Alicia De Los Santos	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
3	Kiwanis of Greater Merced	Janice Jimenez	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
4	Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing	Christina Alley	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to represent past/current projects the CVCAH and the City have partnered with together.
5	Merced Boys and Girls Club of Merced County	Mike Pierick	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
6	Love Faith Hope	Loretta Spence	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
<p>Notes: <i>Project ideas discussed at this session included:</i> access for youth transportation and getting kids out into the community; programs for the elderly; at-risk youth, youth hiking/life and survival skills; youth computer programs; disabled adults; job training <i>Questions were answered on these topics:</i> how the Federal government shutdown has affected federal grant programs; eligible census tracts and income eligibility; Gateway Terrace II affordable housing project; billable hours to only the program being funded, not to staff an organization; and how a housing acquisition program is funded and processed.</p>			
<p>Thursday, January 7, 2019 – Merced Civic Center (City Council Meeting), 678 W 18th Street, Merced, 6:00 pm Community Input Presentation</p>			
<p>Notes: Mark Hamilton presented information regarding the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan and project information for the Childs & B/Childs Court Apartment project that Housing staff is working on. <i>Questions from City Council regarding the Childs Court Apartments were answered regarding the following topics:</i> safety of the transit stop; lighting and intersection configuration; funding methods and amounts that will be used; and expected timeline of completion.</p>			

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Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Merced City Hall (Sam Pipes Room), 678 West 18th Street - 3:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Alpha Pregnancy Help Center	Debbie Croft	Was there for information regarding CDBG
2	Restore Merced	Caleb Medefind	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
3	Lifeline CDC	Monika Grasley	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
4	C.O.V.E.	Margaret Buchmann-Garcia	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
5	Leadership Counsel	Araceli Garcia Munoz	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
6	Healthy House	Belle Vallador	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
7	Merced Rescue Mission	Tim Adam	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
<p>Notes: <i>Project ideas discussed at this session included:</i> senior housing, youth, jobs, life skills, disabled adults, victims of domestic violence</p> <p><i>Questions were answered on these topics:</i> Childs and B Street Affordable Housing projects regarding estimated project completion and apartment management; groups the City has worked with in past years; Council direction on affordable housing; current and past affordable housing projects and ideas in Merced, including hotels on 16th Street, and the Grove, Gateway Terrace, Woodbridge, and Sunnyview/Sunnyside Apartment projects; senior housing; and fair housing services. There was also a discussion regarding installation of audible signals and tactile tiles at bus stops for the visually impaired.</p>			

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Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Multicultural Arts Center, 645 West Main Street - 6:00 pm
Notes: Topics, Comments, and Suggestions from the public included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness issues in the city• Homeless jobs program; continue investing in work• Some of the City's alleyways need replacement• Bike path safety lighting and clean up• Youth homeless• Building Healthy Communities' health assessment – housing issues; impacts on health/sustainability; cost controls• Youth program/youth council/youth action board; street fairs and activities• Poor housing stock; no camping ordinance• Get people out walking
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Rivera Middle School, 945 Buena Vista Drive - 6:00 pm
Notes: Topics, Comments, and Suggestions from the public included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jobs, public safety• No place to move homeless to; suggest camp similar to Modesto• Conditions of City roads• High speed rail• Cars traveling at high speeds on city roads
Thursday, February 28, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Tenaya Middle School, 760 West 8th Street - 6:00 pm
Notes: Topics, Comments, and Suggestions from the public included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness: bathroom facilities, tent city, camping ordinances; designated areas, portable showers; “shed” homes; parks; homeless shelters needed• Homeless prevention: rent regulations, high rents; need more units; rent freeze• Mental health services• Youth sports voucher program to enable low-income youth to participate• Youth activities/youth investment; displaced youth; “Rise and Lift” youth program• Merced Youth Connect: connects youth groups to potential participants• Need for more sports fields for youth teams• Ped/bike improvement requests: bike boxes/advanced stop lines at intersections; make intersections pedestrian friendly by adjusting crossing times; reduce speed limits/slow cars; 16th Street pedestrian traffic control for vision impaired to cross to bus station.• Traffic congestion improvements: more over/underpasses; repair streets• Assistance for low-income homeowners to fix their house to rent for income

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Monday, April 15, 2019 – City Council Meeting, Merced Civic Center, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced - 6:00 pm

Notes:

- Dedicated projects will be Gateway Terrace II, sewer main replacement projects, and the Childs Court Affordable Housing project.
- HUD requires Fair Housing Services
- First Time Homebuyer classes important for homeowners to know how to take care of their investments
- Council direction to use the full 15% allowed by HUD Rules and Regulations to maximize funding for community organizations.

Monday, June 17, 2019 – City Council Meeting, Merced Civic Center, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced - 6:00 pm

Notes: Topics, Comments, and Suggestions from the public included:

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

As an Entitlement Community, Merced City receives an annual HUD allocation that is used for eligible CDBG and HOME programs. The priorities of this allocation are to benefit low-moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum or blight, and direct a portion of funds towards community developmental needs that have special urgency due to existing conditions posing serious or immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

Merced City Housing Division staff held numerous public meetings to help prepare the City's Annual Plan, including three meetings held to gather input regarding use of 2019-20 CDBG funding. These meetings informed the public that CDBG funds would be made available to eligible projects and provided application process information. Housing staff encouraged all participants to submit a funding request for their respective organizations, and informed them that all grant reimbursement requests would need to be in compliance with HUD Rules and Regulations related to costs and expenditures.

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Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

Public Input:

Each of the meetings held had a sign-in sheet and notes were taken of comments that were made. In addition, qualifying local non-profits received notification inviting them to attend the meetings and provide input, as well as apply for CDBG funding. The following is an overview of comments and applications received.

Comments:

Many public members voiced the following concerns for those considered to be low-to-moderate income and/or homeless:

1. Transitional Housing
2. Respite Care Facility
3. Job Training/Life Skills
4. Youth Services
5. Veterans Services
6. Homeless Community/Navigation Center
7. Paying for utilities and new rental deposits to help individuals identified on the Merced Continuum of Care through the HMIS reporting system

Additionally, some members of the community met separately with Housing Staff to discuss potential projects and provide housing staff with suggestions. They expressed to staff they did not want their names identified in the plan and some were not affiliated with an organization.

Here are a few of their suggestions:

- Veterans First Time Homebuyer Program
- Addiction Recovery Facility
- Shelter for Homeless Women and Children
- Homeless Work program, teaching the individuals various farming techniques
- No comments from any of the meetings held were considered unacceptable

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7. Summary

City Council opened the public hearing on April 15, 2019, to consider and discuss the preferred prioritization of the various applications received that request 2019-20 funding, a process which helps to guide staff in the development of the Annual Plan budget and its funded activities and goals.

As a result of City Council and public comment prioritization guidance, the following is a list of organizations recommended for funding through CDBG/HOME funds for the 2019-20 Annual Plan year, in no particular order:

- Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care
- Project Sentinel – Fair Housing Services
- Merced Rescue Mission
- Restore Merced, Inc.
- Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project
- Lifeline Community Development Organization
- Fresno Housing Council
- Habitat for Humanity – Stanislaus County
- Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition
- Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing

After HUD published and notified the City of Merced of the 2019 allocation amounts, the Housing Division finalized and presented the Draft Annual Action Plan to the City Council on June 17, 2019, for its approval and adoption. Council also approved submission of the 2019 Annual Action Plan to HUD prior to the deadline of July 1, 2019.

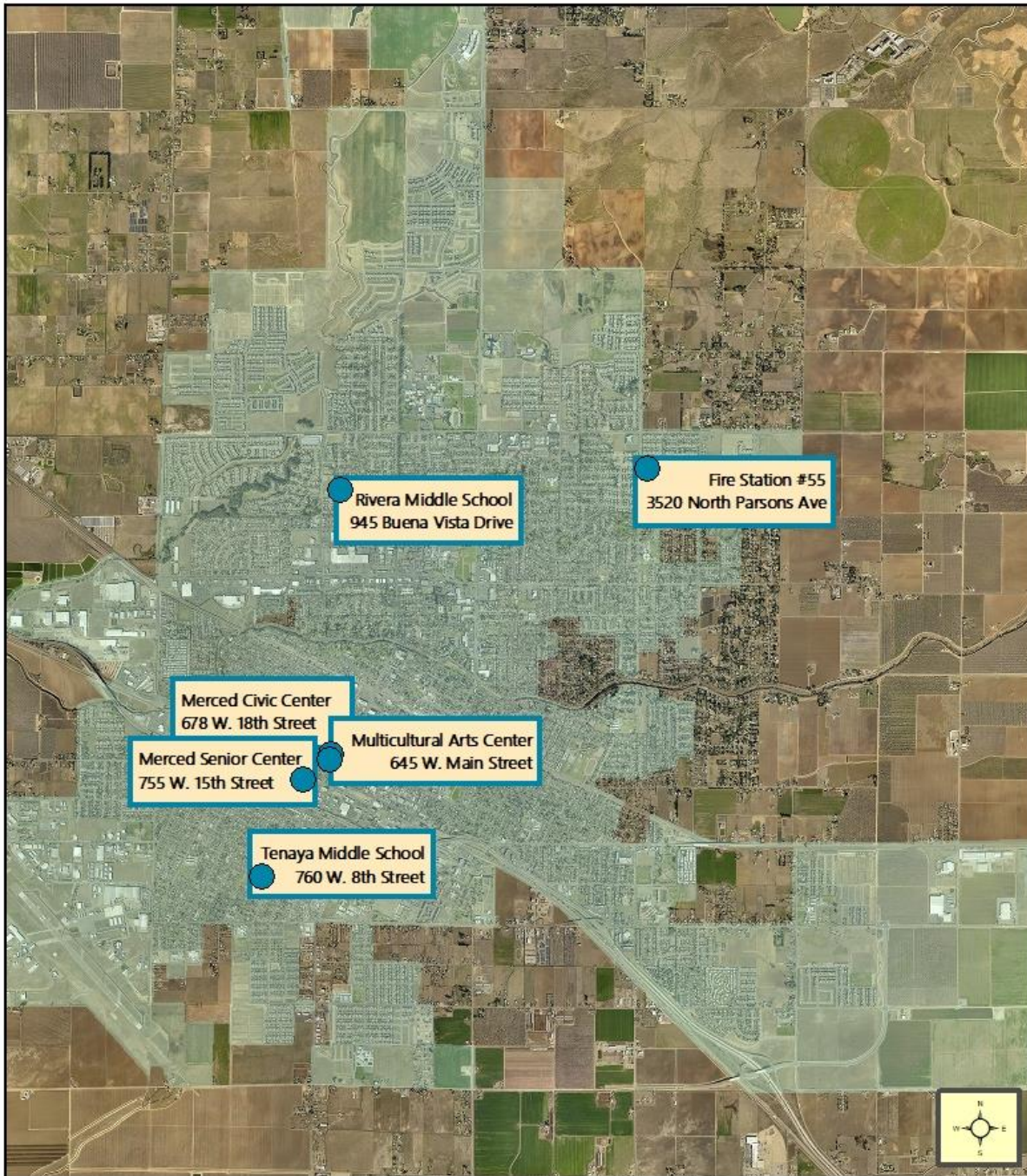
Public Notices were published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers listing dates, times, and locations of meetings set up to provide information and application assistance, as well as to have more opportunity for direct engagement with public agencies and non-profits. Local public agencies and non-profits were assisted and also given the opportunity to spend time discussing community goals and needs. Some goals include providing permanent supportive housing and funding services for homeless. In some instances, groups discussed youth, lack of adequate housing, and housing for multiple income and groups (At-Risk Youth, Veterans, Seniors, & the Homeless). The Public Notices were published on the City's web site, in two local newspapers, and mailed to approximately one hundred public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Public hearings were held by City Council on April 17, 2019, and June 17, 2019, at which the Housing Division presented requests from public agencies and non-profit applications for CDBG and HOME funds. At the direction of Council, Housing Staff included funding for fifteen (15) local non-profit organizations, financial assistance for First Time Homebuyers, and continuing the Homeowner Forgivable Loan Program.

Please refer to the following pages for more detailed notes of the community input comments and organizations in attendance, Town Hall meetings, and City Council public hearings.

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Location of Citizen Participation Meetings

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICES – HUD ANNUAL PLAN 2019

Date Released or Published	Medium / Event	Distribution Organization	Description
11-20-18	City Website	The City of Merced	Notice of Funding Availability for CDBG and HOME investment funds was posted to City's Public Hearings webpage
11-20-18	U.S. Postal Service	The City of Merced	94 letters were mailed to all known local nonprofits and interested organizations detailing how to apply for CDBG funding; two letters were returned undeliverable
11-22-18	Newspaper	Merced Sun Star	Notice of Funding Availability & requests for program and project application submittals
11-29-18 and 12-6-18	Newspaper	Merced County Times	Notice of Funding Availability & requests for program and project application submittals
11-22-18	Newspaper	Merced Sun Star	Description of what the annual plan is as well as when and where public input meetings for the annual plan will take place.
11-29-18 and 12-6-18	Newspaper	Merced County Times	Description of what the annual plan is as well as when and where public input meetings for the annual plan will take place.
11-29-18	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at City Fire Station #55 by Housing staff, to present City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process.
1-3-19	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at Merced Senior Center by Housing staff, to present City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process.
1-7-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Housing staff provided a presentation on the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan to the Public and Council and requested their input; Spanish and Hmong language interpretation services were available at this meeting.
2-7-19	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at Merced City Hall by Housing staff, to present the City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process; Spanish and Hmong language interpretation services were available at this meeting.
2-26-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Multicultural Arts Center) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
2-27-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Rivera Middle School) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
2-28-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Tenaya Middle School) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
4-15-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Review and prioritize project funding applications received for inclusion into the HUD 2019 Annual Action Plan
5-16-19	City Hall Public Notice Board and City Website	The City of Merced	Posted official public notice to notify date and time of City Council meeting to adopt the 2019 Annual Plan.
5-16-19	Newspaper	Merced County Times & Merced Sun Star	Annual plan draft available for public review and comment and Annual Plan adoption public hearing notice
6-17-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Public hearing for the review and adoption of the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan

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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	MERCED	Housing Division
HOME Administrator	MERCED	Housing Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Department of Development Services – Housing Division is responsible for overseeing the administration of the City’s Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funding, including the preparation of the Annual Action Plan. The Housing Division Program Supervisor oversees the day-to-day administration of these programs.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

In preparing the Action Plan, the City consulted with a variety of agencies, including local and regional community-based organizations, the Merced County Housing Authority, and many others. The goal of the consultation process was to provide detail of the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, how local agencies could best focus their programs and activities to help address those priority needs, and to explore opportunities for coordination to improve availability and access to services.

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

City staff has been meeting with several local health, mental health, and service agencies to explore opportunities to increase service delivery through fixed locations in or at least closer to the neighborhoods where the clientele reside.

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 City of Merced will continue to work as part of the Merced Continuum of Care (CoC) in 2019-20. The CoC is currently administered by the County of Merced, with several local agencies and organizations receiving funding.

The Continuum of Care coordinates homeless services being offered within the City and County of Merced. Their members include individuals from government and faith-based organizations, health services, private businesses, and other community-based service providers. The CoC has a board and various committees that meet monthly to discuss issues of homelessness and effective ways of addressing them.

The City's efforts to address the needs of homeless individuals and families have included participation and support of "Housing First" and working with the Collaborative Applicant (County of Merced), Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project, Merced Rescue Mission, Valley Crisis Center, and Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing. These organizations will be partnering with Merced County to ensure the Continuum of Care is implemented during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

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

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outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Merced does not have sufficient population to receive Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding directly. The Merced CoC administers several federal grant programs that provide direct assistance to homeless individuals and families. They include several Supportive Housing Programs (SHP) and a Shelter Plus Care (SPC) Program. The SPC program provides rent assistance for disabled homeless individuals. Supportive Housing Programs provide rent assistance and supportive services to homeless families and individuals to assist them in making a successful transition from homelessness to independent living. Funds for these programs are received through HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application process. Additionally, the Merced CoC will be applying for ESG funds through the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTRAL VALLEY COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization is an established Community Housing Development Organization and an Affordable Housing Developer. This organization attended community input meetings on November 29, 2018, and January 3, 2019.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	MERCED COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - County Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization oversees all county government operations, including the Continuum of Care, which they will continue to manage for the plan year.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	MERCED RESCUE MISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Neighborhood Organization

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization works with multiple service providers and provides homeless services within the community. This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides various services to homeless individuals within the community.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL INC. STANISLAUS COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeowner Rehabilitation

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides services to homeowners within the community. This organization attended a community input meeting on November 29, 2018.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity - Merced County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides housing services within the community. This organization attended a community input meeting on November 29, 2018.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	PROJECT SENTINEL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides fair housing services within the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	MERCED LAO FAMILY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Cultural Assimilation and Education

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	HEALTHY HOUSE WITHIN A MATCH COALITION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides assistance services to at-risk elderly, non-English speaking individuals. This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	THE POTTER'S PLACE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides services to low-income individuals and households, primarily serving the South Merced population.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATIONS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides services to victims of domestic violence.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Program
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Programs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Love Faith And Hope Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Development Programs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Alpha Pregnancy Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services for Women and Families
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Restore Merced
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Job Training
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	LifeLine Community Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTER OF VISION ENHANCEMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.

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

The City consulted a variety of agencies serving Merced residents and the region, mailing nearly one hundred invitation letters to area non-profit organizations. No agency types were specifically left out of the consultation process.

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	County of Merced	Both address issues pertaining to homelessness and special needs housing.
Housing Element	City of Merced - Planning Division	Both Include the goal of developing both market rate and affordable housing.
San Joaquin Valley Fair Housing Equity Assessment	California Coalition for Rural Housing	Both address issues impacting Fair Housing Choice, expanding economic opportunities, and building capacity and leadership in marginalized populations.
Regional Housing and Needs Assessment	Merced County Association of Governments	Assist the City with grant assistance for various multi-family grant opportunities with the Strategic Growth Council.
Active Transportation / Safe Routes to School Plan	City of Merced - Planning Division	Both address issues pertaining to ADA accessibility and related infrastructure improvements in residential neighborhoods.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Merced continues to work with Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) to address various ways to meet the State of California's Regional Housing and Needs Assessment Goals (RHNA). While the goal to provide sufficient affordable housing units within our community is complex, the City continues to partner with MCAG and developers to develop creative solutions to increase the community's market and affordable housing stock.

The City of Merced is looking to build a partnership with the County of Merced to address the City's and County's on-going homelessness housing issues. One of the projects the County and City are collaborating on to address homelessness and the need for on-site,

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individualized services is with the Childs Court Apartments. The Childs Court Apartment development will address some of the needs of the Homeless population it is designed to serve, but will also address some of the policies of the Housing Element, which encourage the City to develop additional affordable housing units and provide a variety of housing options for the community's residents.

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

In order to broaden the range of communication between the City of Merced, its citizens, and its public agencies, the Housing Division has sponsored, attended, and participated in a variety of community meetings and functions in the preparation of this Annual Action Plan. Housing Division staff attended all three City of Merced Town Hall meetings, and in addition, Housing staff hosted three evening HUD Annual Plan community input meetings held in various sections of the city in convenient neighborhood locations. Additional community input was collected at a City Council meeting, at which language translation services were available. Staff received valuable input and direction from community groups and Council regarding which programs and organizations would receive priority funding in Fiscal Year 2019/20.

In order to reach and engage with the citizens, the Housing Division attended each of the three City of Merced Town Hall budget meetings and was available to address related questions from Council and Community Members. At the Town Hall meetings, the citizens informally addressed City Council with their community concerns and requests for City budget funds. This gave the Housing Division the opportunity to directly engage with citizens before and after the meetings. For those citizens that provided their contact information, a follow-up call was made to find out if there was any additional information that the Housing Division could provide after the initial meeting contact.

Public legal notices were posted on the City of Merced's website by the City Clerk and published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers, providing meeting dates and locations of when application assistance and information could be provided to public agencies and non-profit organizations. Local public agencies and non-profits were assisted and also given the opportunity to spend time to discuss their community goals and needs in a roundtable setting that encouraged collaboration between community groups. Some of the expressed goals included homelessness, continuum of care, affordable housing, existing home rehabilitation, capital neighborhood improvements, and loans for First Time Homebuyers. In some instances, groups discussed sharing resources in order to expand connection to the community. In addition to publishing the notices, information was published on the City's website and meeting invitations were sent to almost one hundred public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Public hearings were held on April 15, 2019, and June 17, 2019, at which the Housing Division presented the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan and activity requests from various agencies and non-profit organizations that have applied for funding.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	11/20/2018 - The Notice of Funding Availability for the FY 2019/20 Action Plan was posted online to the City of Merced's Public Notices webpage. Additionally, Housing staff posted the same Notice on the Housing Division webpage.	None.	None.	https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cityclerk/public_hearings/default.asp

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2	U.S. Mail	Non-Profit Organizations currently performing services within in the City of Merced	11/20/2018 - Letters were mailed to more than 90 non-profit organizations known to operate and provide services within the Merced city limits and surrounding communities informing them of the three upcoming HUD Annual Action Plan Community Input meetings and inviting them to attend.	Fifteen of the community organizations these letters were mailed to attended the community meetings.	None.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad	11/22, 11/29, and 12/6/2018 -	Did not receive any communication	None.	

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		community Community Organizations	This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ad published the notice of funding availability of CDBG & Home Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/20. There were no attendees.	on from community organization s requesting additional information.		

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4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Community Organization	11/22, 11/29, and 12/6/2018 - This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ads notified the public and community organizations of the purpose, time, and place of the upcoming public input meetings.	Did not receive any communication from community organizations requesting additional information.	None.	
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			There were no attendees.			
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Community Organizations	11/29/2018 - Community Annual Plan Meeting. This meeting was held at City Fire Station #55 in North Merced by Housing staff to present the City's Housing program and current projects, and to explain the CDBG and HOME application process.	Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.	None.	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Public Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Non-Profit Community Organizations</p>	<p>01/03/2019 - Community Annual Plan Meeting. This meeting was held at the Merced Senior Center in South Central Merced by Housing staff to present the City's Housing program and current projects, and to explain the CDBG and HOME application process.</p>	<p>Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.</p>	<p>None.</p>	

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7	Public Hearing	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Hmong</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Non-Profit Community Organizations</p>	<p>01/07/2019 - City Council Public Meeting. Housing staff presented the start of the 2019/2020 HUD Annual Action Plan goal-setting process to the public and City Council. Additionally, Housing staff presented the current program and projects and explained the CDBG and HOME application process, requesting the Public's and Council's input. The</p>	<p>Various valuable comments were received from members of the Council, community members, and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.</p>	None.	
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			public was given an opportunity to speak. Spanish and Hmong language translation services were provided for the meeting.			

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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)
8	Public Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Non-Profit Community Organizations</p>	<p>02/07/2019 - Community Annual Plan Meeting. This meeting was held at the Merced Civic Center in Central Merced by Housing staff to present the City's Housing program and current projects, and to explain the CDBG and HOME application process.</p>	<p>Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.</p>	None.	

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9	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	02/26/2019 - City Council Town Hall Meeting at the Multicultural Arts Center in Central Merced. Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.	While Housing staff did not speak with anyone directly, several important comments were made from the public and Council members that provided good direction for Housing staff. Topics included concerns regarding homelessness in Merced, youth activities, public infrastructure	None.	
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				e, jobs, and health impacts related to housing.		

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10	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	02/27/2019 - City Council Town Hall Meeting at Rivera Middle School in North Merced. Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.	While Housing staff did not speak with anyone directly, several important comments were made from the public and Council members that provided good direction for Housing staff. Topics included concerns regarding homelessness in Merced, high speed rail, condition of public roads,	None.	
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				excessive speeding, and jobs.		

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11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	02/28/2019 - City Council Town Hall Meeting at Tenaya Middle School in South Merced. Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.	Housing staff spoke with a homeowner about any available funding mechanisms for home repair in order to rent a room for additional income, and several important comments were made from the public and Council members that provided good direction for Housing staff. Topics included concerns	None.	
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				regarding homeless help and prevention, rent regulation, youth activities, mental health services, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, traffic congestion improvements, and low-income funding for homeowners to repair their property for additional income.		
12	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/br	04/15/2019 - City Council meeting.	Various comments were	None.	

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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)
		road community	Housing staff presented the 2019/20 program year funding applications received for the HUD 2019 Annual Action Plan. The public was given an opportunity to speak, and Spanish and Hmong language translation services were provided for the meeting.	received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.		

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13	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	05/16/2019 - Online Outreach. An official public notice was posted on the City's Public Notices webpage to notify the public of the date, place, and time of the City Council meeting to adopt the 2019/20 Annual Action Plan and that a draft copy of the plan is available for viewing before the meeting. Additionally, Housing staff posted the	None.	None.	https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cityclerk/public_hearings/default.asp
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			same Notice on the Housing Division webpage.			

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14	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	05/16/2019 - This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ad published the Notice of Public Hearing to notify the public of the date, place, and time of the City Council meeting to adopt the 2019/20 Annual Action	None.	None.	
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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)
			Plan and that a draft copy of the plan was available for viewing before the meeting. There were no attendees.			

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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)
15	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	6/17/19 - City Council meeting, for the final review and adoption of the 2019/20 HUD Annual Action Plan.	Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.	None.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Merced will have a total of \$1,599,455 in new CDBG and HOME funds for program year 2019-20. Allocation of funds and assignment of priorities for funding are based upon the national goals set forth by HUD regulations, and local goals for housing and community development. Local goals, consistent with HUD regulations, focus on building up and improving the City's residents and neighborhoods. The City intends on pursuing additional funding through the State Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC), No Place Like Home Program, State Funded SB 2 grants, and other local, state, and federal resources.

In terms of program income, the City does not anticipate a steady stream of program income during the term of the Consolidated Plan (2015-2020). The fluctuation in program income is due to payments received from the County of Merced through Chapter 8 - Tax default property sales and unanticipated loan payoffs. To the greatest extent possible, program income received from the repayment of Rehabilitation loans, First Time Homebuyer loans, and residual receipt payments will be reprogrammed for loan activities in those same or similar programs from which the funds were originally provided. If additional program income funds are received that are not automatically re-programmed, specific projects will be identified during a mid-year technical or substantial amendment process.

Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) – Building Homes and Jobs Act (Atkins) will provide further needed revenue resources that were lost with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies by the State in 2011. Through recording fees on real estate transactions, SB 2 is expected to generate on a yearly basis up to \$300 million for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and other housing needs, beginning with a planning grant in Year One of the program. Funds under this bill would be distributed to local jurisdictions and provide more stable funding for housing programs.

With the passing of SB2, the Housing Division would also be able to partner with local government and non-profit organizations for these funds to be leveraged within the community.

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,099,563	84,000	590,830	1,774,393	0	The City received an decrease in grant funding for the 2019/20 fiscal year.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	499,892	60,000	448,662	1,008,554	0	The City received an decrease in grant funding for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

City staff, in its funding applications, emphasizes to applicants the need to leverage Federal, State and local resources. These efforts have been fruitful, and projects funded under CDBG and HOME have substantially exceeded accomplishments that could be achieved from federal funds alone. Although there is no official match requirement in the CDBG program, in most cases, other funds, such as private funds received through donors or fundraising activities, commercial loans, Gas Tax funds, and non-federal funds, are used to supplement and defray project costs. HOME funds require a 25% match, and ESG funds require a dollar-for-dollar match.

Federal match requirements apply to the City's HOME funds. The HOME program requires that for every HOME dollar spent, the City must provide a 25 percent match with non-Federal dollars. In the past, redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing funds were the City's primary source for leveraging or providing matching funds for the City's Housing programs. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in California, the City no longer has access to this funding source. The City still maintains an excess in match requirement from previous fiscal years, currently in the amount of \$25,393,312, which will fulfill the City's HOME match requirements for many years. Even though the City has fulfilled the HUD match requirement, the Housing Division continues to develop HUD Match Eligible projects.

The City utilizes additional Federal, State, and Local funding sources, combined with funds received from HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD), for large multi-family developments, as well as providing financial assistance for First Time Homebuyers.

Below is a list of some non-HUD grants the City continually applies for or partners with non-profit organizations for when available:

Federal Programs: Rental Assistance Program (Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program), Supportive Housing Program (SHP), National Housing Trust Fund, and Project Based Section 8.

State Programs: Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), Mental Health Services ACT (MHSA), Cal-Home Program, The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP), Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP), Affordable Housing Program (AHP), Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC), No Place Like Home (NPLH), the Housing Related Parks Program (HRP), and the 2017 Housing Funding Package (SB2 Funding).

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Local Programs: Central California Alliance for Health, City Density Bonus Program, and loans from the Conventional Lending Industry.

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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 Housing Division was designated as the Successor Housing Agency overseeing approximately nine (9) vacant properties and over \$1.4 million of money that may be used to support additional affordable housing projects over the next five to ten years. These properties and funds must be used to further the goal of the City in the development of additional affordable housing units.

Repurpose of Properties:

For the past year, City staff has been working with HUD, HCD, and local non-profit organizations to develop the concept of using these properties to place multiple cottage homes on the properties, in an effort to increase housing units in Merced. The concept has received positive feedback thus far and staff is exploring ways to use a portion of the 2019 CDBG allocation, along with SB 2 grant funding, to move forward under partnership with a local non-profit organization for placement of 3-4 tiny homes on one of the properties. If the project is successful, Housing Staff may explore additional ways develop the remainder of the properties with cottage homes.

Reinvestment of Funds:

For the past three years, City staff has worked with the County of Merced to identify potential development projects that would enhance and expand available services to help solve homelessness within the City. Through continued collaboration, City staff and the County have identified and secured the property located at the northwest corner of Childs Avenue and B Street as a feasible location for development. The City of Merced released a request for proposals to evaluate the viability of an affordable and permanent-supportive housing project at the agreed-upon location.

After careful evaluation and selection of a Developer to take the lead on the proposed project, County and City staff determined that a Lease Agreement, with an option available to the City to purchase the property, was the most efficient means to entitle the project and pursue Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and other State grant funding in partnership with the Developer and the local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

In strong contention for an AHSC grant funding award, the proposed project at the corner of Childs Avenue and B Street is being named the Childs Avenue Court Apartments. The project includes 119 multi-family units, thirty (30) of which will be designated as permanent-supportive units. In addition to these units, the proposed project will include a community room and offices to provide space for homeless services and property management staff. In addition to these amenities, computer rooms and other supportive services will be provided to all residents within the development. The proposed project will also include improvements to city infrastructure and services, including curb, gutter, sidewalks, bike lanes, street improvements, streetlights, and sewer and storm drainage facilities. A park and multi-modal bus stop will also be included in the project to improve general quality of life for the residents of the development, especially improving access to reliable, City-wide transit services that will enable them to travel to primary destinations such as grocery and other retail stores and medical clinics.

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Discussion

In addition to the entitlement allocations the City's Housing Division receives from HUD, the Housing Division also manages numerous other grants and programs within the community.

Some of the other programs budgeted in Fiscal Year 2019-20 include:

- LMI Housing Assets (Local)
- Cal HOME 06/12 (HCD)
- HOME 92/93/94 (HCD)
- NSP 3 (HUD)

These programs continue to generate income from the loans and reimburses the Housing Division for eligible administrative costs.

Local funding sources (non-Federal) budgeted in Fiscal Year 2019-20 include:

- LMI Housing Assets (Local)
- Water Enterprise Funds
- Sewer Enterprise Funds

These are local funding sources budgeted as part of the overall Housing Division Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. However, they were not included as part of the anticipated resources in the HUD Annual Plan since they are a non-HUD funding sources. The non-Federal funding sources were necessary to assist the Housing Division finance the "fiscal gap" of various projects, thereby allowing them the ability to move forward.

HUD-Eligible Projects funded with non-Federal funding sources include:

- Gateway Terrace II: Approximately \$450k of Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.
- First Time Home Buyer Program: Approximately \$265K for CalHome Programs.
- Acquisition of Blighted Property: Approximately \$200k from LMI Housing Assets.
- Homeowner Rehabilitation: Approximately \$265k from HOME (HCD) 92/93/94.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development housing rehab	City Wide	Job Creation	CDBG: \$360,000 HOME: \$101,640	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
2	Support Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide Eligible CDBG Areas	Job Creation Public Services Homeless Services	CDBG: \$371,328 HOME: \$54,914	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 465 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 48 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 500 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs Other: 8 Other

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Fair Housing	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$30,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 85 Persons Assisted
4	Public and Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Eligible CDBG Areas	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements	CDBG: \$275,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 750 Households Assisted
5	Permanent Supportive Housing	2015	2020	Homeless	City Wide Eligible CDBG Areas	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Homeless Services	CDBG: \$738,065 HOME: \$852,000	Rental units constructed: 323 Household Housing Unit Housing for Homeless added: 8 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Goal Description	<p>The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner Rehabilitation • Acquire and Rehabilitate Blighted Property • Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property • Provide deposits and rental assistance to eligible households

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2	Goal Name	Support Services
	Goal Description	The funds will be used for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services• Reimbursement of CDBG and HOME Administrative Cost.• Merced Continuum of Care
3	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Ensure that all housing programs are available without discrimination on any basis.
4	Goal Name	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Necessary Infrastructure Improvements within Eligible Census Tracts• Acquire and Rehabilitate Blighted Property• Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property• Assist with the acquisition of property for permanent supportive housing
5	Goal Name	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Goal Description	The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with local non-profit organizations to provide wrap-around services to homeless individuals• Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property• Assist with the acquisition of property for permanent supportive housing• Provide deposits and rental assistance to households identified in the Merced COC HMIS program

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Projects

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Introduction

The projects budgeted for 2019-20 are summarized below. The Administrative and Public Service activities identified are expected to be completed no later than June 1, 2020. The ongoing infrastructure activities identified are expected to be completed no later than the late Summer of 2019. The acquisition of property activities identified are anticipated in the Spring of 2020, and the Gateway Terrace II activity is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2021. Provided the Childs Court Apartments receives funding from the State's Strategic Growth Council, the activity is anticipated to break ground by the summer of 2020 and be completed in the Fall of 2022.

The Housing Division received sixteen (16) funding requests totaling over \$2 million. These requests were for projects that will be started during Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Buena Vista & G Street (Rivera School) ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Improvements
2	West 25th & 26th Streets (John Muir School) ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Improvements
3	Gateway Terrace II Apartments - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CHDO)
4	Fair Housing Services - Project Sentinel
5	Neighborhood Clean-up - Restore Merced
6	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County
7	HUD 108 Loan Payment
8	Direct Administration FY 2019/20
9	Indirect Administration - FY 2019/20
10	Fair Housing Services - FY 2019/20
11	GTII -Sewer and Water Main Extension Across Hwy 59 - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing
12	Childs Court Apartments - The Richman Group & CVCAH
13	Continuum of Care - Merced County
14	Restore Jobs - Restore Merced Inc.
15	First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council
16	Acquisition of Property for Homeless Project - Sierra Saving Grace
17	A Brush with Kindness - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County
18	Warming Center - Merced Rescue Mission
19	Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace

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#	Project Name
20	Acquisition of Property for Hope for Families Program - Merced Rescue Mission
21	Elder Housing Program - Healthy House Within a Match Coalition
22	Empower Community (Employment Training) - Lifeline Community Development Corp.
23	Housing Deposit Program - Merced Rescue Mission

Table 7 - Project Information

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

In making project recommendations, consideration was given to a variety of thresholds that projects must meet to comply with CDBG requirements, including meeting one of the National objectives and addressing one of the community priorities set out in the Consolidated Plan. Staff also took into account activity need and justification, cost reasonability and effectiveness, activity management and implementation, experience with similar activities, past performance, leveraged funds, and completeness of the application.

While there are several constraints to meeting the needs of low-income residents, the primary obstacle is that there is a lack of funding to fully address all needs. The economic challenges facing the nation have forced many non-profits to cut services at a time when governmental entities and others are least able to provide them.

HUD-Eligible Projects funded with non-Federal funding sources include:

- Gateway Terrace II: Approximately \$450k of Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.
- First Time Home Buyer Program: Approximately \$265K for CalHome Programs.
- Acquisition of Blighted Property: Approximately \$200k from LMI Housing Assets.
- Homeowner Rehabilitation: Approximately \$265k from HOME (HCD) 92/93/94.

A second obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the location of many available services in the community. Housing staff works closely with the Engineering Department and regional agencies to improve access.

A third obstacle is the number of non-profits that need assistance with basic management and fiscal policies. New non-profits have formed in Merced and throughout the region, and they have small but passionate staff members and volunteers devoted to a variety of issues. Unfortunately, most new non-profits do not have the staffing capacity to meet the financial and reporting requirements of CDBG and other grant programs, and may need basic assistance in setting up bookkeeping systems and applying for grants.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information1	Project Name	Buena Vista & G Street (Rivera School) ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Improvements
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Construction of ten ADA compliant ramps along G Street to Childs to W. 13th Street including sidewalk modifications and two Safe Crossing bulb-outs with ADA accessible ramps at the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and the Bike Path Crossing; east of Rivera School.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project benefits over five-thousand individuals living in and around these areas.
	Location Description	The project is located along Buena Vista Drive between M and R Streets.
	Planned Activities	Replace ten curb cuts with ADA Accessible ramps at various locations within the community.
2	Project Name	West 25th & 26th Streets (John Muir School) ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Improvements
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	The project proposes to improve the sidewalks surrounding John Muir Elementary School. There would be two intersection bulb-outs included into the project to encourage vehicular traffic to reduce speeds as they travel near the school.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project benefits over one-thousand individuals living in and around the area of improvements.
	Location Description	The project is located along W. 25th Street between I Street and K Streets.
	Planned Activities	ADA Improvements along W. 25th Street
3	Project Name	Gateway Terrace II Apartments - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CHDO)
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Gateway Terrace II Apartments consists of 50 units of new construction multi-family housing on an approximately 1.65 acre site. It is located on K Street between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets in the City of Merced, County of Merced, APN #031-323-002. The Housing Authority of the County of Merced previously owned and operated rental public housing units on this site, which were demolished in 2009. The site has been graded and is ready for new construction. Our target population is existing and future income-qualified families in Merced and the surrounding areas. 100% of the units will be rent-restricted for qualified residents with incomes ranging from 50% to 60% of the area median income for a 55-year affordability period. We are also anticipating more than ten (10) HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers and thirty-eight (38) HUD Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) committed to the project. Gateway Terrace II Apartments, will consist of 49 affordable units and 1 manager unit for a total of 50 garden-style apartments with 17 units at 50% of AMI and 32 units at 60% of AMI. The project will consist of 12 one-bedroom units, 21 two-bedroom units, and 17 three-bedroom units.
	Target Date	12/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Construction of 50 Apartments.
	Location Description	The project is located on K Street, between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets
	Planned Activities	Construction of 50 affordable apartments and related infrastructure improvements.
4	Project Name	Fair Housing Services - Project Sentinel
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	To provide fair housing services within the community.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide Fair Housing Services with the Merced Community.
5	Project Name	Neighborhood Clean-up - Restore Merced
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	:

	Description	To perform various cleanups along creeks and downtown neighborhoods within the community. The organization will provide job training and wrap-around services to 5 homeless individuals whom will be the ones performing the actual clean-up tasks.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist approximately 5-6 formerly homeless individuals with providing them with necessary jobs skills to become employable.
	Location Description	Restore Merced offices are located in downtown Merced.
	Planned Activities	Clean up neighborhoods and provide job skills.
6	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Rehabilitate existing homeowner properties with necessary health and safety improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipates assisting 5 Homeowners with necessary health and safety repairs.
	Location Description	At various locations throughout the community.
Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homeowner occupied properties.	
7	Project Name	HUD 108 Loan Payment
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services

	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$81,565
	Description	Annual loan payment for the Grove Apartment complex located on South Parsons Avenue.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The apartments were constructed in 2004.
	Location Description	Project is located along South Parsons Avenue, south of Childs Avenue.
	Planned Activities	Not Applicable, the project was completed in 2004.
8	Project Name	Direct Administration FY 2019/20
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Job Creation Public Services Homeless Services Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,851 HOME: \$54,914
	Description	The project allows housing staff the ability to provide CDBG and HOME administrative services to ensure the implementation of Housing Projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Housing Division currently has four staff assigned to the direct implementation of the various housing programs.
	Location Description	678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

	Planned Activities	Reimburse Housing Staff for actual direct and indirect expenses.
9	Project Name	Indirect Administration - FY 2019/20
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$118,356
	Description	To provide Indirect Administrative Services necessary for the Housing Division.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	The City of Merced is located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	Necessary indirect services to the Housing Division.
10	Project Name	Fair Housing Services - FY 2019/20
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project Sentinel will be working within the community to provide a necessary fair housing services within the City of Merced.
	Location Description	At various locations throughout the community.

	Planned Activities	Necessary services to ensure tenants and landlords are not being discriminated against.
11	Project Name	GTII -Sewer and Water Main Extension Across Hwy 59 - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$275,000
	Description	Additional funds needed to complete the requested change order to complete the sewer and water main replacement across Highway 59.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The actual number of families benefitting from the project is approximately 750 residents. The proposed project will improve the delivery of water and wastewater service flows for the neighboring residents. The project will provide a direct benefit to all the residents living along the project site.
	Location Description	The project extends from H Street to L Streets, between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets, in Central Merced.
	Planned Activities	Replacement of Water and Sewer Mains, installation of ADA-compliant ramps and alley entrances, and replacement of a deteriorated alley.
12	Project Name	Childs Court Apartments - The Richman Group & CVCAH
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	HOME: \$852,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project proposes to construct 119 Affordable Housing Units located at the intersection of Childs Avenue and B Street. One of the components of the project is to designate 30 units for households with incomes less than 30% of Average Medium Incomes for Permanent Supportive Housing. Eighty-Eight Units will be designated for households with incomes of less than 60% Average Medium Income, with the remaining unit reserved for the on-site property manager.
	Location Description	The project is located at the northwest corner of Childs Avenue and B Street.
	Planned Activities	Construction of 119 new affordable housing units.
13	Project Name	Continuum of Care - Merced County
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,000
	Description	Assist the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are over 500 homeless individuals that were recently counted within the County of Merced. The Continuum of Care is a partnership of government agencies and local agencies to concentrate and coordinate efforts to ensure these individuals receive services.
	Location Description	County of Merced offices are located at 2222 M Street, Merced CA.
Planned Activities	To assist the County of Merced with financial assistance to help fund the Continuum of Care.	
14	Project Name	Restore Jobs - Restore Merced Inc.
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000

	Description	The project cleans up neighborhoods and areas that are not currently being serviced by the City of Merced Refuse Department. The project also provides job training for formerly homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program anticipates employing 10 formerly homeless individuals to assist with cleaning various areas of the community.
	Location Description	Restore Merced Inc. is located at 410 W. 19th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,920
	Description	To provide HUD Certified First-Time Homebuyer courses to households looking to purchase a home within the City of Merced.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The subrecipient is anticipating approximately 300 participants over the course of the year.
	Location Description	The program will be implemented at various locations within the City of Merced over the course of a year.
	Planned Activities	To provide HUD-Certified First Time Homebuyer courses in English and Spanish.

16	Project Name	Acquisition of Property for Homeless Project - Sierra Saving Grace
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$330,000
	Description	To acquire an existing single family property (1-4 units) for individuals that are currently experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity will benefit up to 3 households with the acquisition of a single family property (1- 4 units).
	Location Description	The location is still to be determined, based upon the current real estate market once the agreement is executed.
	Planned Activities	To purchase an existing single family property (1-4 units) within an eligible census tract.
17	Project Name	A Brush with Kindness - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Job Creation
	Funding	CDBG: \$360,000 HOME: \$101,640
	Description	Rehabilitation of homeowner occupied units with health and safety improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist four homeowners with minor home rehabilitation and assist one household with a substantial rehabilitation.

	Location Description	Various locations throughout the community.
	Planned Activities	The activity proposes to assist four homeowners with minor home rehabilitation and assist one household with a substantial rehabilitation.
18	Project Name	Warming Center - Merced Rescue Mission
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	To operate a warming center for individuals seeking shelter when either the temperature drops below 40 degrees or there is rain in the forecast.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist up to one hundred (100) currently homeless individuals.
	Location Description	The Rescue Mission is located at 620 W. 20th Street, Merced CA.
Planned Activities	To operate a warming center for individuals seeking shelter when either the temperature drops below 40 degrees or there is rain in the forecast.	
19	Project Name	Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	To provide assistance to households that may become or are experiencing homelessness. The assistance can be either rent payments, rental deposits, or utility payments for not longer than 3 months.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist up to eighteen (18) households.
	Location Description	Sierra Saving Grace is located at 710 W. 18th Street in Merced.
	Planned Activities	To provide assistance to households that may become or are experiencing homelessness. The assistance can be either rent payments, rental deposits, or utility payments for not longer than 3 months.
20	Project Name	Acquisition of Property for Hope for Families Program - Merced Rescue Mission
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$326,700
	Description	Acquire a single family residence (1-4 units) to house families at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity would assist one to four families at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Location Description	The Merced Rescue Mission is located at 520 W. 20th Street, Merced
	Planned Activities	To acquire a single family residence (1-4 units) with the community to assist with housing families at-risk of becoming homeless.
21	Project Name	Elder Housing Program - Healthy House Within a Match Coalition
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	To provide services needed to assist the elderly with housing and health services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity would assist over 75 individuals with needed housing and health services.
	Location Description	Healthy House is located at 301 W. 18th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	To provide services needed to assist the elderly with housing and health services.
22	Project Name	Empower Community (Employment Training) - Lifeline Community Development Corp.
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	To provide various services to the residents within the Loughborough Drive Neighborhood.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To provide various services to approximately ninety (90) individuals residing in the Loughborough Drive neighborhood area.
	Location Description	The program is centered along Loughborough Drive, which is located within a disadvantaged census tract and is considered eligible.
	Planned Activities	To provide various services to the residents within the Loughborough Drive Neighborhood.

23	Project Name	Housing Deposit Program - Merced Rescue Mission
	Target Area	Elgible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	To provide rental deposit assistance to individuals/households currently homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist approximately thirty (30) individuals that are currently experiencing homelessness.
	Location Description	The Merced Rescue Mission is located at 620 W. 18th Street, Merced
	Planned Activities	

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

Merced primarily selects projects based upon housing needs and various clients served through public service activities, with most of the Federal and State funding allocations being invested in qualifying Census Tracts. Not all of the activities funded through the CDBG and HOME programs will occur within these census tracts, since some programs are community-wide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide	54
Eligible CDBG Areas	46

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Funds are generally concentrated within eligible Census Tracts due to minimal private investment from financial institutions and little interest from market rate developers.

Discussion

While there are several other constraints (please refer to the Consolidated Plan for a detailed list), the primary obstacle to meeting the needs of target income residents is that there is a lack of funding to fully address all the needs. Even with the limited financial resources, the City attempts to address many of the needs of the community by leveraging funds with developers and providing financing to several non-profit organizations to address the variety of community needs.

Another obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the location of many available services in the County of Merced. The City works closely with the transit agencies to improve access, and there are hourly public transportation linkages between Merced and other communities located within Merced County and other neighboring San Joaquin Valley communities. The City has encouraged many regional non-profit organizations to operate "satellite" offices within the City of Merced.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Although the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan focus on affordable housing, the amount of monies being invested into the community have been reduced significantly over the past five years due to the allocations being less than before. The City's strategies related to CDBG & HOME-funded efforts relate to providing funds for public service activities, developing partnerships with housing organizations, providing secondary financing to affordable housing developments, providing grants to homeowners, and secondary financing loans to qualified First Time Homebuyers.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	86
Non-Homeless	1,144
Special-Needs	0
Total	1,230

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	48
The Production of New Units	119
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	8
Total	180

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

Discussion

For 2019-20, the aforementioned number of households assisted relies primarily on the ability of the City to provide financial assistance to multiple non-profit organizations. These organizations are tasked with assisting individuals and households within the City of Merced. Many of these programs are designed to assist a variety of individuals through either rehabilitation of existing units or by acquiring, improving, and expanding their housing stock portfolio.

Many of these programs are funded with non-Federal resources, but will achieve the overall goal of improving and increasing the number of affordable units within our community. To help achieve this goal, the Housing Division was able to budget other funding sources as part of the overall Housing Division Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget.

However, these funds are not included as part of the anticipated resources in the HUD Annual Plan, since they are not HUD-funded activities. The non-Federal funding sources were necessary to assist the Housing Division finance the “fiscal gap” of various projects, thereby allowing them the ability to move forward.

This fiscal year a couple HUD-Eligible Projects would not have be able to move forward without recieving non-Federal funding sources.

The following are a couple projects receiving non-federal monies this fiscal year:

- Gateway Terrace II: Approximately \$450k of Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.
- First Time Home Buyer Program: Approximately \$265K for CalHome Programs.
- Acquisition of Blighted Property: Approximately \$200k from LMI Housing Assets.
- Homeowner Rehabilitation: Approximately \$265k from HOME (HCD) 92/93/94.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the County of Merced (HACM) is the public housing agency serving the City of Merced. HACM is independent of the City of Merced, and the City retains no control over their funding or implementation of programs. The Housing Authority received thirty-five (35) additional Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers this past year, for a total of one-hundred and three (103) VASH Vouchers being offered within the County of Merced. The City Housing Division and a local non-profit developer continue to partner with the Housing Authority of Merced County to develop future multi-family projects within the community.

The Housing Division partnered with Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Housing Authority to bring four (4) new affordable housing units online in the spring of 2019. Additionally, the Merced County Housing Authority continues to partner with the community's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to offering additional vouchers by guaranteeing ten (10) VASH vouchers for the Gateway Terrace II Development. The Gateway Terrace II project broke ground in June of 2019 and will be accepting applications from eligible households with vouchers from the Housing Authority.

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

Please refer to the HACM Public Housing Authority Annual Plan for information regarding how they plan to address public housing needs. However, the Housing Division continues to partner with multiple non-profit organizations to acquire existing housing units and construct a new affordable housing units on an on-going basis.

The City has continues to address the affordable housing needs with partnerships and leveraging the fiscal resources received from HUD and other Federal and State agencies for the acquisition and development of new affordable housing units.

One of the recent larger affordable housing projects to be constructed within the community is being developed by Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CVCAH). CVCAH partnered with the Housing Authority and the Housing Division to develop and finance the construction of a fifty (50) -unit multi-family project referred to as Gateway Terrace II. The project broke ground in Summer of 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2021.

Additionally, the Housing Division is looking to partner with the Merced County Housing Authority to secure an additional vouchers to be used for future projects such as the proposed Childs Court Apartment Development.

The following is HACM's statement of housing needs and their strategy for addressing the housing needs of the County.

HACM Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs

Data used to assist in determining local housing needs have come from multiple sources which include the Authority's Waiting List, City of Merced- Consolidated Plan, the Housing Element Plan, and Merced County General Plan.

The Authority has analyzed the housing needs of low, very low and extremely low income families who reside in the Authority's jurisdiction. The housing needs of the very low and extremely low-income families who reside in the community continue to be great. According to current U.S. Census Bureau information 30.2% of the population is living below the poverty level. In addition, Merced County unemployment leads the state and the nation with 8.1% unemployment. See Housing Needs from the Authority's wait list below.

The HACM waiting list was reopened on April 9, 2018, and stayed open through April 12, 2018. The Authority has continuously selected from the waiting list, however, due to the 1% vacancy rate, many families are experiencing difficulty securing housing.

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

HACM encourages public housing residents to participate in policy, procedure, and program implementation and development. Public housing residents participate in the development of the HACM's five-year and annual plans. The HACM distributes a survey to prioritize resident needs and schedule short-term and long-term improvements.

In addition to the City of Merced offering Homeownership Education classes and a First Time Homebuyer Program Loan Program funded with CalHome monies, the Housing Authority also offers a Homeownership Program. The following is a brief description and the success of their program.

HACM Homeownership Programs

The Authority created a Homeownership Program (HOP) for tenants residing in public housing. The Homeownership Program was established to provide an opportunity for low income families who ordinarily could not afford to buy their own homes, to do so. Families are required to meet normal eligibility requirements for public housing and must, in addition, demonstrate the potential to achieve homeownership status. Such potential involves an income which is stable and sufficient to pay operating costs and build up equity towards the required down payment. Prospective tenants are required to attend a variety of classes which include homeownership, credit counseling, home maintenance, how to maintain a loan, etc. Ninety-Five (95) families have benefited from the program and achieved homeownership. Currently there are three (3) available homes for prospective families.

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

HACM is not designated as "troubled."

Discussion

The Housing Division is currently working with the Housing Authority to secure funding for new project-based vouchers for future large multi-family developments. The City has also been exploring alternative funding sources to help them achieve success with some of the goals they have identified within their PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan.

The information below was provided by the Housing Authority of Merced County regarding their progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in the "PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan."

Goal 1 – Preserve and expand HACM’s affordable housing programs.

- Received 35 additional VASH vouchers, totaling 103 VASH voucher to date.
- Development of "Tiny" or "Small" homes in Authority own lots.

Goal 3 – Strengthen partnerships with City and County to develop and maintain affordable housing, furthering Authority’s mission.

- Actively participate in the City of Merced Housing Element Plan.
- Actively participate in the Los Banos Housing Element Plan.
- Actively participate in the Continuum of Care.
- Utilize all opportunities to promote affordable housing needs in the community.

Goal 4 – Improve the quality of assisted housing.

- Utilized CFP funds to rehab and modernize Public Housing units.
- HVAC/Window/Roof Replacement for 21 units in 2018
- HVAC/Window/Roof Replacement for 10 units slated for 2019

Goal 5 – Promote and secure services for Housing Authority residents and participants.

- Will extend participation of the FSS program to Public Housing Residents.
- Partnered with Central Valley Opportunity Center to provide ESL, GED, and vocational training to Authority clients.

Goal 6 – Strengthen the agency’s financial position and its ability to respond to shifting economic conditions.

- Refinanced high interest bonds to lower rates.

A wealth of information on HACM and their programs, housing resources, budgets, and financial planning and reporting is available on their website at <http://www.merced-pha.com>.

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

Introduction

The City's strategy related to the needs of the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, and other special needs populations involves the funding of supportive services in Merced or regional services, such as fair housing counseling and emergency shelter assistance services. The City also assists with providing fiscal resources necessary for a winter and rainy-season warming center operated by the Merced Rescue Mission.

Currently, there are many homeless services available within the City of Merced. These services are managed by a variety of organizations based in the County of Merced. Many of these programs work in collaboration with the Merced County Continuum of Care, which is the County's Collaborative Applicant that oversees Emergency Shelter Grant Funds received on a yearly basis from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The City will continue to work closely with the Continuum of Care and other organizations to determine how the needs of the homeless population can be met. In recent years, the City has assisted Merced County Mental Health, Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing, Merced Rescue Mission, and Sierra Saving Grace with grants to either preserve existing affordable housing or add additional affordable housing units to 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

In addition to facility improvements, the City will fund programs and services to assist its homeless and special needs populations in 2019/20. These include the following:

- County of Merced: Collaborative Applicant providing Continuum of Care services
- Warming Center provided by Merced Rescue Mission
- Funding Acquisition of new housing through Sierra Saving Grace and Merced Rescue Mission
- Fair housing services will be provided by Project Sentinel

A City staff representative regularly attends "Continuum of Care" homeless committee meetings, which bring together the region's homeless service providers and advocates to develop and consider the best ways to address homelessness. The meetings help to ensure that there is little duplication of services, which increases the effectiveness of a limited amount of funding between all the participating organizations.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City continues to provide assistance for emergency shelter and transitional housing for the homeless through the following service providers:

- Valley Crisis Center
- Merced Rescue Mission
- County of Merced
- Sierra Saving Grace

The City has designated one of the Council Members to serve on the Continuum of Care Board. Housing Staff regular attends the CoC meetings to provide assistance when applicable.

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

The City will partner with local service providers to add additional locations and beds for chronically homeless individuals through these four primary strategies in Fiscal Year 2019-20:

- Partnering with the County of Merced and CoC to apply for additional funding opportunities targeting the chronically homeless.
- Continuing our partnership with Merced Rescue Mission to provide a winter warming center during inclement weather.
- Continuing our partnership with Merced Rescue Mission and Sierra Saving Grace to provide rental deposit assistance to help households avoid becoming homeless.
- Working with local service providers to acquire additional units in order to increase the total number of units available within the City of Merced for Permanent Supportive Housing.

The City partners with the Merced CoC to meet these goals.

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.

While there are several other constraints (please refer to the Consolidated Plan for a detailed list), the primary obstacle to meeting the needs of target income residents is that there is a lack of funding to fully address all needs. The economic challenges facing the nation have forced many non-profit organizations to cut services at a time when governmental entities and others are least able to provide them. The City attempts to address significant and rising levels of need by evaluating leveraged funds in the grant application review process, as well as by directly funding several programs providing widespread benefit. The City also supports non-profit organizations' efforts to raise private funds.

Another obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the location of many available services in the County of Merced. The City works closely with the transit agencies to improve access, and there are hourly public transportation linkages between Merced and other communities located within Merced County and the San Joaquin Region. The City has also encouraged non-profit agencies to operate "satellite" offices within the City of Merced.

Discussion

The City does not administer the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program, but there is coordination and contact with the Merced Continuum of Care to provide services to individuals with AIDS within the City and County.

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

Introduction:

The City is undertaking a number of actions to reduce potential barriers and constraints to affordable housing, as well as promote housing for special needs populations. These include providing regulatory incentives, density incentives, and several other measures to affordable housing developers. These programs are described in more detail in the City's Housing Element.

Programs the Housing Division is funding within the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan that are designed to reduce the barriers to Affordable Housing include:

- Fair Housing Services provided by a neutral party (Project Sentinel).
- Rental Deposit Assistance for homeless and at-risk households (Sierra Saving Grace and Merced Rescue Mission).
- Forgivable loans to homeowners needing health and safety repairs to their property (Habitat for Humanity of Stanislaus County).
- Public service programs designed to assist youth, homeless, and seniors (multiple programs proposed to be funded in FY 2019-20).
- Acquisition of property for permanent supportive housing (programs propose acquiring a minimum of one property in FY 2019-20).

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

With the current economy offering significant challenges to many households, the Housing Division has been trying to develop and finance a variety of ways to assist these families. Many families have found housing in spite of the current housing shortage within the City of Merced. Some of the struggles our low-income households continue to deal with are: safe and decent housing, affordable rental units, low-cost entry level houses, and affordable contractors.

Many of the City's efforts to foster and maintain affordable housing relate to the Housing Element. The City updated the Housing Element in 2015, which was subsequently certified by the State in 2016. Community input from public meetings substantiated much of what the Housing Authority and Housing Element had reported - that housing is still lacking for senior citizens, foster youth who are aging out, and special needs adults. With identified areas of need, this and future plans will work toward addressing these specific populations.

The five-year strategy plan of the Consolidated Plan does not identify any significant gaps or needs in relation to institutional structure. Working with HUD staff, however, some institutional positions have been removed and/or hours reduced as the Housing Program moves toward one that is aligned with CDBG and HOME guidelines. Housing Staff will continue working to ensure compliance with the City's Housing Programs and to identify community needs that meet HUD objectives.

Discussion:

The City priority list identifying the community's barriers to affordable housing can be found in the 2016 Housing Element within Sections "9.3.8 – Special Housing Needs" and "9.6 – Goals Policies and Objectives". Additionally, the City's Analysis of Impediments "Section 6 - Conclusions, Impediments, and Actions" also identifies areas where the City of Merced can reduce barriers to affordable housing within the community. These documents have not been included within this plan due to their length and size. However, the documents can be located on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City works with various service providers, developers, and public and private agencies to serve our clientele and maintain affordable housing in the community. The City uses an application process through which requests for funding are submitted, reviewed, and recommended to City Council for consideration.

Application Process

All entities applying must provide a checklist of items to validate eligibility for National HUD funding. Items include an annual audit of their existing program, evidence of non-profit status, names of board members (to ensure no conflict of interest), proof of insurance, and bylaws. Agencies unable to satisfy contract requirements, complete their program, or who fail to correct deficiencies identified during monitoring may be required to have additional performance measures included in future agreements.

The 2015 – 2020 Consolidated Plan can be found on the City's website at: www.cityofmerced.org.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

While there are several other constraints (please refer to the Consolidated Plan for a detailed list), the primary obstacle to meeting the needs of target income residents is that there is a lack of funding to fully address all needs. The economic challenges facing the nation have forced many non-profits to cut services at a time when governmental entities and others are least able to provide them. The City attempts to address significant and rising levels of need by evaluating leveraged funds in the grant application review process, as well as by directly funding several programs with widespread benefit. The City also supports non profits' efforts to raise private funds.

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Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Although the current economy offers significant challenges to many households, adequate housing has become less affordable as a result of increasing prices and a historically low inventory of houses available for purchase. Due to the limited supply, low income households struggle because of high demand, rising costs, and competition from other buyers.

Many of the City's efforts to foster and maintain affordable housing relate to the Housing Element. The City updated its General Plan Housing Element in 2015 (certified in 2016). Community input from public meetings substantiated much of what the Housing Authority and Housing Element had reported - that housing is still lacking for senior citizens, foster youth who are aging out, and special needs adults. With identified areas of need, this and future plans will work towards addressing these specific populations.

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Since most housing units in the City of Merced were built before 1978, the City routinely tests all rehabilitation projects using CDBG, HOME, NSP, or CALHOME grant funds for lead-based paint. If lead-based paint is detected within the project area, the Housing Division will have the lead-based paint properly abated prior to project closeout. As required by Federal and State funding sources, housing rehabilitation programs must comply with the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) and subsequent changes made in September 1999.

The procedures regarding lead based paint in both rehabilitation programs will include:

- Notification of potential lead based paint hazards
- Identification
- Treatment (if necessary)

In 2019, the Housing Division began working with Habitat for Humanity of Stanislaus County to abate properties that were identified as potentially containing lead-based paint. In collaboration with HUD, the Housing Division is working with Habitat for Humanity of Stanislaus County to expand the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program to include a lead-based paint testing and clearance component to the current program at no additional charge to the homeowner.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City's anti-poverty strategy is based on funding and supporting a range of housing, employment, and family service opportunities aimed at enabling those in poverty to move into the workforce. During the 2019-20 program year, the City will also continue to support activities that preserve and expand the supply of housing in Merced, to help make them more affordable to target income households.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Development Services Department is responsible for the management, implementation, and monitoring of the Consolidated Plan documents, including the Action Plan. The Housing Division within this Department is specifically charged with these tasks. The Division works in close coordination with the City's advisory committees and the City Manager.

The City has designated staff positions to administer the programs and activities funded with CDBG funds. These staff members work with the individual City departments, such as Public Works, Development Services, Economic Development, and Parks and Recreation Department to develop procedures and coordination for administering programs that will be carried out by these departments. This CDBG staff also provides technical assistance to non-profits (subrecipients) on properly administering CDBG funds and developing CDBG eligible activities.

As all of the subrecipients being funded in the current year are small-to medium-sized entities with limited staffing, we consider these entities to have a moderate/high risk of noncompliance with grant provisions, and thus more detailed monitoring will be performed for all subrecipients, such as performing on-site reviews.

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

The City will continue to work closely with the County of Merced, which surrounds the City on all sides. The City will also continue to work with many of the non-profit organizations in the community to address the regional issues that affect the needs of target income persons, as well as special needs populations. A City staff representative will continue to regularly attend the Continuum of Care meetings to ensure homeless issues are being addressed.

Discussion:

Monitoring Plan

The City of Merced has developed a monitoring system to ensure the activities carried out in furtherance of the Plan are done so in a timely manner, in accordance with the federal monitoring requirements of 24 CFR 570.501(V), 24 CFR 85.40, and all other applicable laws, regulations, policies, of sound management and accounting practices. The objectives of the monitoring plan are described in more detail in the Consolidated Plan.

As part of its affordable housing efforts, the City of Merced will undertake an annual evaluation of the housing programs included in the Consolidated Plan. To ensure that the City is meeting its long-term comprehensive planning requirements, a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be compiled for submittal to HUD for review and approval. When bidding and performing

work financed by HOME and CDBG funds, it is the adopted policy of the City of Merced to conduct outreach efforts in order to provide an equal opportunity to licensed minority and female contractors. This includes presentations to the Merced Building Industry Association, advertising, radio announcements, and flyers in an effort to include licensed contractors from these respective areas.

Multi-Family Housing Program Monitoring

City Housing staff conducts site visits annually to multi-family housing subrecipients to review record keeping, upkeep of facility, and ensure eligibility requirements are being maintained. A City inspector is part of this tour, and if discrepancies are found, the subrecipient will be informed during the on-site tour, provided a formal letter, and provided 30-days to correct the problem (and/or work with staff for a reasonable timeline).

Annual audits are required by these subrecipients for their programs. If discrepancies in this area are found, the subrecipient is informed immediately and a formal letter is mailed. The subrecipient is given 30 days to correct the problem or provide a timeline for correction. The City will work with the organization to ensure understanding of requirements and to achieve compliance. Once compliance has been achieved, the subrecipient receives a closure letter from the City. The City Council is informed of any unresolved problems during the budget process. These same procedures will be followed with non-housing subrecipients.

Single Dwelling Housing Program Monitoring

Homes rehabilitated or purchased with HOME funds for renting to moderate-to-low income families are monitored annually by staff. The owner is provided a letter requesting information and income verification of the renter. With a shortage of staffing, housing visitations to all sites is infeasible. Staff members have been instructed instead to visit "at least" one site per owner. A City Inspector is taken on site to ensure housing meets codes. Renters are interviewed to ensure compliance of HUD requirements. If discrepancies are found the home owner will be informed during the on-site tour, provided a formal letter, and provided 30-days to correct the problem (and/or work with staff for a reasonable timeline).

Activity/Public Service Monitoring

The City Housing Division has established monitoring procedures for its subrecipients in order to ensure compliance with all CDBG requirements and objectives. Those procedures include: written contracts and invoicing before funds are distributed; workshops with applicants and new subrecipients to ensure an understanding of reporting requirements; clear timelines for measured success; and reporting forms that include hours, tasks, client demographic information, and income range. Reports are required with each invoice, and year-end evaluations are required. All sub-recipients receive one on-site visit.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The program-specific requirements that apply to the City are those for the CDBG and HOME programs.

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

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 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. | 85.00% |

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:

Not Applicable - No other forms of investment are anticipated during Fiscal Year 2019-20.

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

Income-eligible applicants must take an eight-hour home ownership class and will have covenants placed upon the home for a period up to thirty (30) years, depending on the loan amount and program. Depending upon the First Time Homebuyer Program funding source, homes can either be purchased community wide or based upon pre-approved Census Tracts with a high number of low-income residents. This program is designed to assist families with incomes equal to or less than 80% of Area Median Incomes. These are eligible households that range in size and have very-low to low-incomes. All HOME loans provided by the City Program to first-time buyers include conditions to ensure compliance with requirements of 24 CFR 92.254, except State CalHome Loans.

For HOME funded activities, if the home is sold or transferred within 10 years from the date of the loan origination, the applicant shall also pay the City a percentage of the difference between the price paid for the property and its value at the time of sale or transfer. The percentage share is determined on a declining scale, beginning at 10% in the first year, and decreasing one percentage point each year to 0% in Year 10. The City limits the amount subject to recapture to the sale's net proceeds, which is the sales price minus loan repayment and closing costs (other than HOME funds). The limitation applies to all units, regardless of the type of recapture provision used or the nature of the sale (voluntary sales including foreclosures). The funds collected are reused as program income for future HOME Program funded activities.

For CalHome (State) funded activities, the loan is not assumable and must be paid in full upon sale or transfer of the property. The borrower may prepay the loan in part or in full without penalty. The funds collected are reused as program income for future First Time Homebuyer Loans.

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:

Applicants for multi-family units are required to enter into a Development Agreement and designate a specific number of units for income eligible residents. The program calls for funds to be loaned for a 30 – 55 year period with a three (3) percent interest rate. The full amount of the HOME Loan subsidy is recaptured and is utilized for other HOME Loans meeting the HOME program income guidelines. If the development is sold, repayment of the loan is required so funds can be reused as program income.

The house must be owner-occupied and deed restricted against resale for the affordability term. Prepayment on the loan or a sale within 10 years from the date of loan origination results in a penalty of 4% on the original loan amount starting from the loan origination date and calculated on a per month basis. The loan is not assumable and must be paid in full upon sale or transfer of the property. Following the 10-year obligation, the borrower may prepay the loan plus interest, in part or in whole, at any time without penalty. Funds collected are reused as program income. If the

home is sold or transferred within 10 years from the date of the loan origination, the applicant shall also pay the City a percentage share of the difference between the price paid for the property and its value at the time of sale or transfer. The City limits the amount subject to recapture to the sale's net proceeds, which is the sales price minus the loan repayment and closing costs (other than HOME funds). The limitation applies to all units, regardless of the type of recapture provision used or the nature of the sale (voluntary sales including foreclosures).

All HUD and State loan programs have covenants based upon the amount invested into each house/unit. The City may require each house/unit assisted to have a "period of affordability" covenant recorded. The length of this period is determined by the amount of financial assistance invested into each property. The minimum period of affordability per house/unit and correlating period is: A) under \$15,000: 5 Years; B) \$15,000 to \$40,000: 10 Years; or, C) over \$40,000: 15 Years. For qualified homeowner rehabilitations, they may be eligible for a forgivable loan (grant) of up to \$50,000 worth of health and safety upgrades. As long as they do not sell their property within the agreed-upon term, the Housing Division will grant the funds to the homeowner.

For homeowner rehabilitation activities that exceed \$50,000, a traditional loan is placed on the property. To be eligible, the house must be owner-occupied and deed-restricted against resale for a period identified in the notice of affordability. Selling or refinancing the property within the specified term results in an obligation to reimburse a percentage of the original loan amount calculated per-year based on the loan origination date. The loan is not assumable and must be paid in full upon sale or transfer of the property. Following the notice of affordability term obligation, the borrower may prepay the loan with zero interest, in part or in whole, without penalty. Funds collected are reused as program income.

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:

Not applicable - The City does not intend to refinance debt.

CDBG 70% Overall Low-Mod Benefit Period

The City uses a 5-year period to meet the 70% overall low-mod benefit for its CDBG and HOME activities. Based on PR026 report in the City's 2017/18 CAPER and the proposed activities described in this Action Plan, the City of Merced should be able to either meet or exceed this goal for this fifth and final year of the 5-year cycle, which extends from 2015 to 2020.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICES – HUD ANNUAL PLAN 2019

Date Released or Published	Medium / Event	Distribution Organization	Description
11-20-18	City Website	The City of Merced	Notice of Funding Availability for CDBG and HOME Investment Funds was posted to City's Public Hearings webpage
11-20-18	U.S. Postal Service	The City of Merced	94 letters were mailed to all known local nonprofits and interested organizations detailing how to apply for CDBG funding; two letters were returned undeliverable
11-22-18	Newspaper	Merced Sun Star	Notice of Funding Availability & requests for program and project application submittals
11-29-18 and 12-6-18	Newspaper	Merced County Times	Notice of Funding Availability & requests for program and project application submittals
11-22-18	Newspaper	Merced Sun Star	Description of what the annual plan is as well as when and where public input meetings for the annual plan will take place.
11-29-18 and 12-6-18	Newspaper	Merced County Times	Description of what the annual plan is as well as when and where public input meetings for the annual plan will take place.
11-29-18	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at City Fire Station #55 by Housing staff, to present City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process.
1-3-19	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at Merced Senior Center by Housing staff, to present City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process.
1-7-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Housing staff provided a presentation on the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan to the Public and Council and requested their input; Spanish and Hmong language interpretation services were available at this meeting.
2-7-19	Annual Plan Community Input Meeting	The City of Merced	Meeting held at Merced City Hall by Housing staff, to present the City Housing program & explain the CDBG & HOME application process; Spanish and Hmong language interpretation services were available at this meeting.
2-26-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Multicultural Arts Center) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
2-27-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Rivera Middle School) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
2-28-19	City Council Town Hall Meeting	The City of Merced	(Tenaya Middle School) Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the Housing program.
4-15-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Review and prioritize project funding applications received for inclusion into the HUD 2019 Annual Action Plan
5-16-19	City Hall Public Notice Board and City Website	The City of Merced	Posted official public notice to notify date and time of City Council meeting to adopt the 2019 Annual Plan.
5-16-19	Newspaper	Merced County Times & Merced Sun Star	Annual plan draft available for public review and comment and Annual Plan adoption public hearing notice
6-17-19	City Council Meeting	The City of Merced	Public hearing for the review and adoption of the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan

Hamilton, Mark

From: Greene, Kirk
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Nutt, Kim; Hamilton, Mark
Cc: Tresidder, John; Levesque, Jennifer
Subject: RE: CDBG funding letter & flyer

November 20, 2018

Hello, Kim and Mark:

Thank you for the Letter to Applicants and the Application Flyer. These have both been posted to the City's Public Hearings webpage.

Have a good evening!

Kirk

From: Nutt, Kim <NuttK@cityofmerced.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Greene, Kirk <GreeneK@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: CDBG funding letter & flyer

Here are the .pdf versions of the copies I gave you.

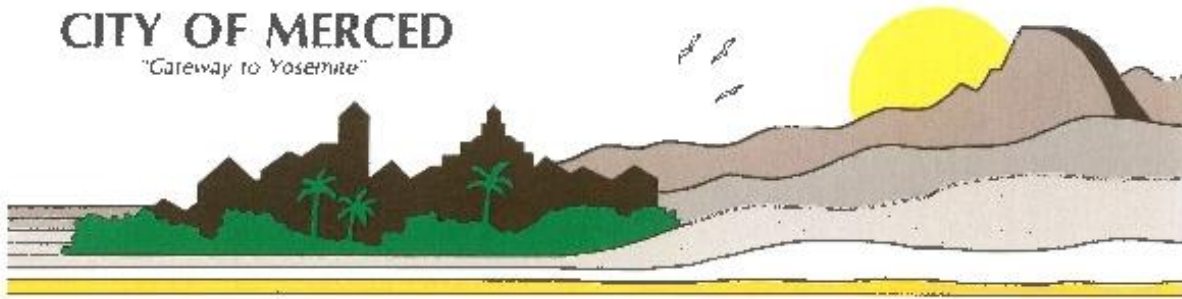
Thank you!

Kim Nutt

Housing Program Specialist I
City of Merced Housing Department
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, California 95340
Office: 209-388-6988 | eFax: 209-388-7317



CITY OF MERCED
 "Gateway to Yosemite"



November 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Merced Housing Division is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Fair Housing Services and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding requests. The City will be holding informational meetings on the following:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Fire Station #55 3520 North Parsons Avenue
Thursday, January 3, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Merced Senior Center 755 W. 15 th Street
Thursday, February 7, 2019	3:00 p.m.	Sam Pipes Room (City Hall) 678 W. 18 th Street

For special accommodations and more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-6863.

The 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan public meetings will be held to determine how funds are to be spent next fiscal year. The meetings will also provide information regarding CDBG and HOME funding opportunities. A final public hearing regarding the 2019 Annual Action Plan will be held before the City Council on April 15, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the Merced City Hall Council Chambers at 678 West 18th Street (see enclosed meeting and public hearing dates chart for details).

Interested parties should visit our website at cityofmerced.org/housing to download an application for potential funding. Applications are also available at the Housing Division located on the second floor of City Hall, 678 West 18th Street, Merced. Applications must be received by the Housing Division by **February 15, 2019**.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your proposal, please contact the Housing Division at 209-385-6863 or hamiltonm@cityofmerced.org.

Respectfully,

Mark Hamilton
 Housing Program Supervisor
 City of Merced Housing Division

Enclosures

94
Letters

D Street Shelter
317 E. 15th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Planned Parenthood
3166 Collins Drive
Merced, CA 95348

Alpha Crisis Preg Ctr
700 Loughborough Dr. Ste A
Merced, CA 95348

Liberty Fellowship
P.O. Box 794
Atwater, CA 95301

Atwater United Methodist Church
2550 Linden St
Atwater, CA 95301

Central California Legal Services
1640 N Street Ste. 200
Merced, CA 95340

Bear Creek Com Church
1717 E. Olive Ave
Merced, CA 95340

Center of Vision Enhancement
1240 D Street
Merced, CA 95344

Bible Christian Church
PO Box 259
LeGrand, CA 95333

Riordan Tranquility Village
559 Mendocino Court
Atwater, CA 95301

Aspirant
3360 N. Hwy 59 #K
Merced, CA 95348

Calvary Assembly of God
c/o Pastor Ralph Etharidge
1021 R Street
Merced, CA 95340

Calvary Chapel Merced
P.O. Box 3906
Merced, CA 95344

Calvary Temple
2740 N. Hwy 59
Merced, CA 95348

Catholic Charities
336 W. Main Street, Ste 1
Merced, CA 95340

Central Valley Opportunity Ctr
PO Box 1388
Winton, CA 95388

Merced Tao Family
1748 Miles Ct. Suite B,
Merced, CA 95340

Church of Christ
2050 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

Church of Nazarene
1374 Shaffer Rd
Atwater, CA 95301

Merced County Community
Action Agency
PO Box 2085
Merced, CA 95344

Community Catalyst of Calif
301 W. 18th Street #203
Merced, CA 95340

JMJ Maternity Homes
1694 Grove Ave.
Atwater, CA 95301

Merced County Mental Health
PO Box 2087
Merced, CA 95344

Sierra Saving Grace Homeless
Project
PO Box 1301
Merced, CA 95341

Dos Palos Youth Crisis & Outreach
P.O. Box 113
Dos Palos, CA 93620

Dos Palos/Oro-Loma School Dist.
2041 Almond St
Dos Palos, CA 93620

Evangelical Free Church
2876 North G Street
Merced, CA 95340

Love Inc.
PO Box 2141
Merced, CA 95341

Faith Mission Ministries
Pastor Harold Wedderburn
909 W. 18th St
Merced, CA 95340

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Father Timmings
1799 Winton Way
Atwater, CA 95301

First Assembly of God
1350 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

Healthy House
301 W. 18th Street, Ste 101
Merced, CA 95340

United Way
531 W. Main Street
Merced, CA 95340

First Baptist Church
1683 Fifth St
Atwater, CA 95301

First Baptist Church
500 Buena Vista Dr
Merced, CA 95348

Habitat for Humanity
PO Box 423
Atwater, CA 95301-0423

First Christian Church
1345 E. Olive Ave
Merced, CA 95340

Templo Iglesia Bautista
P.O. Box 38
Planada, CA 95365

First Church of God
3022 N. Parsons
Merced, CA 95340

Housing Authority County of
Merced
405 U Street
Merced, CA 95341

Valley Crisis Center
1960 P Street
Merced, CA 95340

Hobie House
1301 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

Turning Point Community Programs
Care Program
627 W. Main Street
Merced, CA 95340

Alliance For Community
Transformations
PO Box 2075
Mariposa, CA 95338

Merced Art Hop
P.O. Box 3351
Merced, CA 95344

Horizons Unlimited Healthcare
936 W. Main Street
Merced, CA 95340

Community Housing Council of
Fresno
2560 W. Shaw Lane #101
Fresno, CA 93711

Merced Co Workforce Investment
1880 Wardrobe Ave
Merced, CA 95341

Kings View Work Exp. Center
100 Airpark Road
Atwater, CA 95301

Landmark Missionary Baptist
PO Box 2412
Merced, CA 95344

New Life Community Church
2124 First St,
Atwater, CA 95301

Merced County Human Services
2115 Wardrobe Ave,
Merced, Ca 95341

Merced County Food Bank
PO Box 18??
Winton, CA 95388

Planada Community Church
P.O. Box 247
Planada, CA 95365

Merced Rescue Mission
Bruce Metcalf
1921 Canal St.
Merced, CA 95340

Mercy Dominican Hospital
315 E. 13th St
Merced, CA 95340

Salvation Army
1440 W. 12th St
Merced, CA 95340

New Beginnings Fellowship
PO Box 3888
Merced, CA 95344

New Hope for Youth
2876 North G Street
Merced, CA 95340

St. Matthew Baptist Church
Dr. Jerry Huey
1057 N Street
Merced, CA 95340

Yosemite Church 2230 E. Yosemite Ave Merced, CA 95340	St. Vincent DePaul 131 W. Main Street Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Human Services Agency 2115 Wardrobe Avenue Merced, CA 95341
Second Baptist Church 501 Q Street Merced, CA 95340	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran 1455 E. Yosemite Ave Merced, CA 95340	Bible Baptist Church 3840 N. Santa Fe Drive Atwater, CA 95301
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox P.O. Box 3704 Merced, CA 95340	Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus 630 Kearney Ave Modesto, CA 95350	Grace Community Church 290 E. Main Street, Merced, CA
St. Vincent DePaul 131 W Main St. Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Arts Council 645 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340	Synple Equazion 2827 G Street Merced, CA 95340
United Families of Merced 3932 Finch Ct. Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Assoc. Gov. 369 W. 18 th Street Merced, CA 95340	Erin Meyer Office of Leadership, Service & Career 5200 North Lake Road Merced, CA 95340
Valley Baptist Church 3312 N. G Street Merced, CA 95340	Craig Potter O.Rhyan Capital Management, LLC 825 N Harbor Blvd Fullerton, CA 92837	Love Faith and Hope Inc P.O. Box 1162 Merced, CA 95341
Boys and Girls Club PO Box 470 Merced, CA 95341	Habitat for Humanity, Merced P.O. Box 423 Atwater, CA 95301	Challenged Family Resource Center 827 W 20 th St Merced, CA 95340
The Enrichment Center 645 W. Main St Merced, CA 95340	Christina Alley CVOAH 3351 'M' St., Ste: 100 Merced, CA 95348	Merced County Food Bank 2000 W Olive Ave Merced, CA 95348
COVE 1901 G Street Merced, CA 95340	Rainbow Valley Group Home, Inc 2841 G St Merced, CA 95340	Court Appointed Special Advocates of Merced County 2824 Park Ave, Ste A Merced, CA 95348
Project Sentinel 1231 8 th St Ste. 425 Merced, CA 95354	Golden Valley Health Centers Foundation 737 W Childs Ave Merced, CA 95340	Lifeline Community Development Corporation of Merced County 731 E Yosemite Ave Ste B Merced, CA 95340

Restore Merced, Inc.
419 W 19th Street
Merced CA 95340

California Canine Academy
5659 W Brooks Rd
Merced CA 95341

Worknet of Merced County
1205 W 18th St
Merced CA 95340

Ace Overcomers of Merced County
PO Box 734
Merced CA 95341

Hamilton, Mark

From: Greene, Kirk
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Hamilton, Mark; Nutt, Kim
Cc: Tresidder, John; Levesque, Jennifer
Subject: RE: NOFA for 2019 HUD AAP

November 20, 2018

Hello, Mark and Kim:

This Notice of Funding Availability has been posted to the City's Public Hearings webpage.

Thank you,

Kirk

From: Hamilton, Mark <HamiltonM@cityofmerced.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Greene, Kirk <GreeneK@cityofmerced.org>
Cc: Nutt, Kim <NuttK@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: NOFA for 2019 HUD AAP

Kirk

Please publish the attached Notice of Funding Availability / Public Notice on the City's website... thank you!

Regards,

Mark J Hamilton
Housing Program Supervisor
City of Merced
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 383-6863 - Main
(209) 388-8989 - Direct

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
AND REQUESTS FOR
PROGRAM & PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
CITY OF MERCED HOUSING PROGRAM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
FUNDING PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/20**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds will soon be available to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Of those funds, a maximum of 15% of the City's CDBG allocation is for eligible Public Service activities (services must adhere to CDBG guidelines CFR #570.201.e). A minimum of 15% of the City's HOME allocation must be designated to a Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) (services must adhere to CHDO guidelines CFR #90.301). Of the CDBG administrative funds, the Housing Division will be requesting applications from non-profit organizations that have capacity to provide Environmental and Continuum of Care Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations these are activities typically, although not exclusively, undertaken by community organizations. An information guide can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Program at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Three public meetings will be held November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019 at various locations in the community. A Public Hearing will be held before the Merced City Council at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 6, 2019, to adopt the City of Merced HUD Annual Plan that will contain specific recommendations for expenditure for fiscal year 2019/2020. For additional information please call 385-6863 (voice), or send E-mail to: hamiltonm@cityofmerced.org

Attention: City Clerk.

CITY CLERK
CITY OF MERCED

Publish: November 20, 2018

_____/s/ Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton, Housing Supervisor

Order Confirmation

Customer
CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION

Customer Account
326675

Customer Address
878 W. 18TH ST.
MERCED CA 95340 USA

Customer Phone
209-385-6863

Customer Fax

Sales Rep
cm:cmarr@mercedee.com

Payor Customer
CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION

Payor Account
326675

Payor Address
878 W. 18TH ST
MERCED CA 95340 USA

Payor Phone
209-385-6863

Customer eMail
takenaran@cityofmerced.org

Order Taker
cm:cmarr@mercedee.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FUNDING
AVAILABILITY AND
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APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
CITY OF MERCED HOUSING
PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and
HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(HOME) FUNDING PROCESS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds will soon be available to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Of these funds, a maximum of 15% of the City's CDBG budget is for eligible Public Service activities. Services must adhere to CDBG guidelines (CFR 253.201) & minimum of 15% of the City's HOME allocation must be allocated to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Services must adhere to CHDO guidelines (CFR 200.201). Of the CDBG administrative funds, the Housing Division will be requesting applications from non-profit organizations that have capacity to provide Environmental and Construction Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations these are activities typically, although not exclusively, undertaken by community organizations. An information guide can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Program at 400 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Three public meetings will be held November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019 at various locations in the community. A Public Hearing will be held before the Merced City Council at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 5, 2019, to adopt the City of Merced HUD Annual Plan that will contain specific recommendations for expenditures for fiscal year 2018/2019. For additional information, please call 202-4683 (voice), or send E-mail to: home@cityofmerced.org (202) 365-5124 (t-22)

Order Confirmation

Customer CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION		Payer Customer CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION			
Customer Account 396678		Payer Account 536678			
Customer Address 678 W. 12TH ST, MERCED CA 95340 USA		Payer Address 678 W. 12TH ST, MERCED CA 95340 USA			
Customer Phone 209-385-6863		Payer Phone 209-385-6863			
Customer Fax		Customer Email nekanstrac@cityofmerced.org			
Sales Rep amcmars@modbee.com		Order Taker amcmars@modbee.com			
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Run Dates
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Run Dates
11/22/2018

**CITY OF MERCED HUD 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

The City of Merced Housing Division is in the process of preparing the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive planning document used to identify the overall needs for affordable housing and community development, and outline a strategy to address those needs. The Annual Action Plan is required to address a number of housing and community development issues as set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) including:

Citizen Participation - A defined citizen participation plan that strongly encourages the involvement of low, very low and extremely low income residents to address where housing and community development funds could be spent.

Childs & B Street Development Project - The project is approximately 100 units combining units designated for affordable housing with permanent supportive housing located at Childs and B Street. In addition to the units designated from affordable housing, the project is proposing to construct a multi-modal bus stop, neighborhood infrastructure improvements, and street improvements to Childs Avenue and B Street.

Housing and Community Development Needs - Statistical and analytical information that provides an overall picture of the City's housing and community development needs.

Housing and Community Development Strategy - A strategic plan that brings needs and resources together in a coordinated housing and community development strategy. The strategy must be developed to provide clear housing suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities particularly for low, very-low and extremely low income residents.

Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds - A list of activities the City will undertake during the 2019-2020 program year to address priority needs and local objectives with anticipated program income and funds received under the HOME, CDBG, and other HUD programs for housing and community development objectives.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO): Staff will provide information on the requirements to become a CHDO within our community. Any organization interested in becoming a CHDO must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

Continuum of Care (COC): The COC is the organization responsible for collaborating with homeless service providers within the community. Staff will provide information on the requirements to become the responsible organization. Any organization interested in becoming the City's COC provider must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

Prior to drafting the plan, the City of Merced is seeking input from citizens regarding what the needs and priorities should be for the expenditure of City Housing funds for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Three public meetings will be held November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019, at various locations in the community. Furthermore, a public hearing will take place on May 6, 2019, at 6:00 a.m., before the City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers, to review the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan.

The proposed neighborhood meetings are scheduled at locations shown below:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Fire Station #55 3520 Morris Parsons Ave.
Thursday, January 3, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Merced Senior Center 753 W. 18th Street
Thursday, February 7, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Sam Plaza Regm (City Hall) 678 W. 18th Street

For special arrangements and more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-6883.
MERCED@HUD.1622

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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Attention:

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
 678 W. 18TH ST.
 MERCED, CA 95340

**Declaration of Publication
 2016.6 C.C.P.**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
 County of Merced)

I am a citizen of the United States. I am over the age of eighteen years, are not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the publisher/owner of the print of the Merced Sun-Star a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the city of Merced County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of July 14, 1964 Case Number 33224 that the notice, of which the enclosed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and extra issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates to wit:

November 22, 2018

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Merced, California on:

Date: 26th day of November, 2018

Cynthia A. Markham

Signature

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FUNDING
 AVAILABILITY AND
 REQUEST FOR
 PROGRAM & PROJECT
 APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
 CITY OF MERCED HOUSING
 PROGRAM
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and
 HOME INVESTMENT
 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
 (HOME FUNDING PROCESS
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/20)**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Funds will be available to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Of these funds, a maximum of 3% of the City's CDBG # account is for eligible Public Service activities. Services must adhere to CDBG guidelines CFR #92.200 et. seq. A minimum of 15% of the CDBG HOME allocation must be allocated to a Community Housing Development Organization's (CHDO) services must adhere to CHDO guidelines CFR #92.200 et. seq. Of the CDBG administration funds, the Housing Division will be receiving services from non-profit providers and will be required to provide Environmental and Continuum of Care Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations there are no other funding sources available to the City of Merced Housing Program at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Three public meetings will be held on October 23, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019 at various locations in the community. A Public Hearing will be held before the Merced City Council at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, May 6, 2019, in which the City of Merced HUD Annual Plan that will contain specific recommendations for all services for fiscal year 2019/2020. For additional information please call 202-7441 (ext. 201) or visit the City of Merced website at www.ci.merced.ca.us.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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 COUNTY OF MERCED

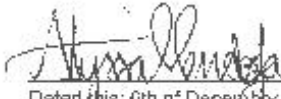
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the printer/foreman or principal clerk of The Merced County Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Merced, County of Merced, and whose newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of December 14, 1990, Case Number 143600; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

LEGAL NOTICE #5274

PUBLIC NOTICE

Publication Date: 11-29, 12-06-2018

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


 Dated this 6th of December,
 2018

This space is for the County Clerk's Filing Stamp

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FUNDING
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AND REQUESTS FOR
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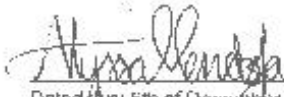
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LEGAL NOTICE #5274
PUBLIC NOTICE
Publication Date: 11-29, 12-06-2018

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


 Dated this 5th of December, 2018

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NOTICE OF FUNDING
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AND REQUESTS FOR
PROGRAM & PROJECT
APPLICATION SUBMIT-
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
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**CITY OF MERCED HOUSING PROGRAM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HFAP)
FUNDING PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Over 400 units of affordable housing are available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Housing Development Financial Assistance Program (HFAP) for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The total amount of CDBG and HFAP funding is \$10,000,000. Applications are available for the CDBG and HFAP programs. Applications for the CDBG program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household. Applications for the HFAP program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household. Applications for the CDBG program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household. Applications for the HFAP program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household. Applications for the CDBG program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household. Applications for the HFAP program will be accepted for a maximum of \$100,000 per household.

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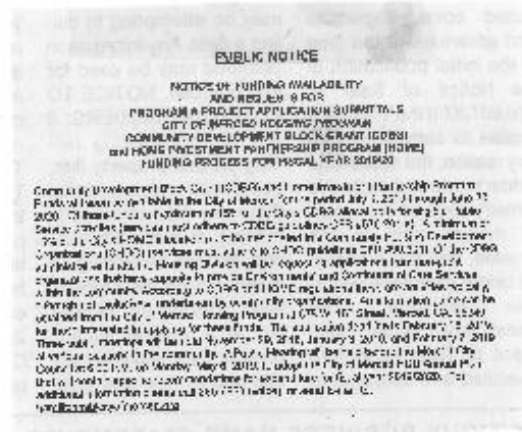
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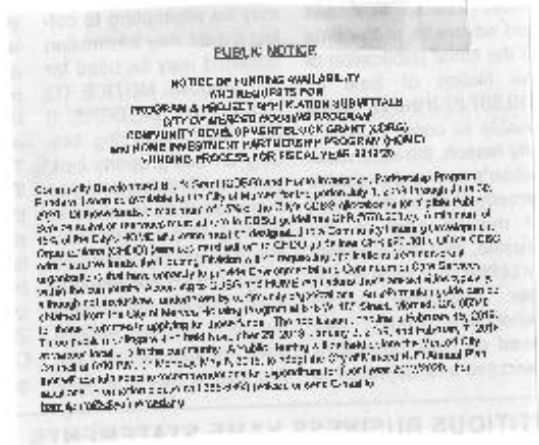
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Anna Plummer
 Dated this 6th of December,
 2018

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Attention:

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
 678 W. 18TH ST.
 MERCED, CA 95340

**CITY OF MERCED HUD 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

The City of Merced Housing Division is in the process of preparing the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to address the needs of the community. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to address the needs of the community. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to address the needs of the community.

Citizen Participation - A detailed citizen participation plan that provides information on the involvement of low, very low and extremely low income residents to address their housing and community development needs could be part of the plan.

Child, A & B Street Development Project - The project is approximately 100 units of affordable housing for affordable housing. In addition to the units, the project includes a playground, a community center, and a street improvement project on Child, Avenue and B Street.

Housing and Community Development Needs - Statistical and practical information that provides an overall picture of the City's housing and community development needs.

Housing and Community Development Strategy - A strategic plan that identifies the City's housing and community development needs and provides a framework for the development of the City's housing and community development strategy.

Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds - A list of activities the City will undertake during the 2019-2020 period to address the City's housing and community development needs.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) - Such will provide information on the requirements to become a CHDO with our community. Any application for information regarding CHDO must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

Continuum of Care (CoC) - The CoC is the organization responsible for coordinating and providing services to the community. Such will provide information on the requirements to become the responsible organization. Any application for information regarding CoC must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

In order to obtain the plan, the City of Merced is seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders and organizations. The public meetings will be held on November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Merced, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. The City of Merced is seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders and organizations.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Fire Station #55 2075 North Franklin Ave.
Thursday, January 3, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Merced Senior Center 733 W. 18th Street
Thursday, February 7, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Sam Pines Room City Hall 678 W. 18th Street

For special accommodations and more information, please call the City's Housing Division at (209) 385-3300. MER 2018-08-11-02

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November 22, 2018

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Merced, California on:

Date: 26th day of November, 2018

Cynthia A. Maramba

Signature

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LEGAL NOTICE #5245

ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR

Publication Date: 11-29, 12-06-2018

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



 Date this 6th of December,
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CITY OF MERCED 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

First Published Online 11/29/18 at the website of the City of Merced. It is hereby certified that this notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the California Civil Code, Section 5245, and that the notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the California Civil Code, Section 5245, and that the notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the California Civil Code, Section 5245.

- Online Publishing: The City of Merced has adopted a policy of publishing all public notices online on its website.
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- Regional Council: The City of Merced is a member of the Merced Regional Council of Governments and is committed to working with the other members of the Council to improve the region.
- Healthy, Safe, and Prosperous: The City of Merced is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all its citizens.
- Action Plan: The City of Merced has adopted a 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan that outlines the key priorities for the city.
- Citizens: The City of Merced is committed to providing excellent customer service to all its citizens.
- Communication: The City of Merced is committed to keeping its citizens informed about city activities.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	1:00 pm	City Center 300
Thursday, December 5, 2018	4:00 pm	City Center 300
Thursday, February 7, 2019	7:00 am	City Center 300

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CITY OF MERCED 2019 FISCAL YEAR ACTION PLAN
 2019 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

The City of Merced is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 Fiscal Year Action Plan. The Action Plan is a comprehensive document that outlines the City's strategic goals and objectives for the fiscal year 2019-2020. It is a key document for the City's management and provides a clear vision for the future. The Action Plan is a living document that will be updated as needed to reflect changes in the City's priorities and needs.

- **Strengthening the City's Financial Foundation** - The City will continue to focus on strengthening its financial foundation by improving revenue collection, reducing costs, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the City's operations.
- **Enhancing the City's Infrastructure** - The City will invest in infrastructure projects that will improve the quality of life for residents and support economic development. This includes investments in transportation, water, and sewer systems.
- **Supporting and Encouraging Economic Growth** - The City will continue to support and encourage economic growth by providing a business-friendly environment, attracting new businesses, and supporting existing businesses.
- **Improving the City's Community Development** - The City will continue to improve the quality of life for residents by investing in community development projects, such as affordable housing, job training, and youth programs.
- **Enhancing the City's Public Safety** - The City will continue to enhance public safety by investing in law enforcement, fire, and emergency services, and promoting community safety programs.
- **Supporting the City's Environmental Goals** - The City will continue to support the environment by investing in sustainable infrastructure, promoting recycling and composting, and protecting natural resources.

The City of Merced is committed to transparency and accountability. The Action Plan is available to the public and will be updated as needed. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (209) 383-0433.

Date	Page	Location
Tuesday, November 23, 2018	400 pages	City Clerk's Office 2221 K Street, Merced, CA 95341
Thursday, January 3, 2019	400 pages	City Clerk's Office 2221 K Street, Merced, CA 95341
Thursday, February 7, 2019	400 pages	City Clerk's Office 2221 K Street, Merced, CA 95341

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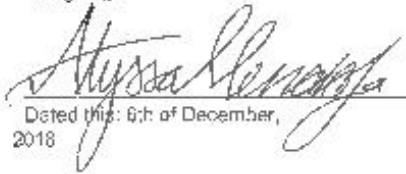
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**CITY OF MERCED 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2019-20**

The City of Merced hereby certifies that the following information is true and correct as of the date of publication of this notice, and that the information is true and correct as of the date of publication of this notice, and that the information is true and correct as of the date of publication of this notice.

- **Official Participation:** A total of 100 employees plus the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Treasurer participated in the development of the plan.
- **Public Participation:** The City held approximately 100 public meetings and a public hearing to discuss the plan and to receive input from the public. The City also held a public hearing to discuss the plan and to receive input from the public.
- **Hearing and Consent:** The City Council held a public hearing on the plan on December 14, 2018, and the plan was adopted by a majority vote of the Council.
- **Posting and Copying:** The plan was posted on the City website and copies were made available to the public.
- **Action Plan:** The City will implement the plan over the course of the fiscal year 2019-2020.
- **Continuing Measure:** The City will continue to monitor the progress of the plan and to make adjustments as needed.
- **Compliance:** The City will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The following table shows the dates of publication of the plan:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	5:00 pm	City Clerk's Office
Thursday, January 3, 2019	7:00 pm	Merced County Center
Thursday, February 7, 2019	7:00 pm	City of Merced (City Hall)

The City Clerk's Office will continue to provide information regarding the plan and to answer questions as needed.

Nutt, Kim

From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Nutt, Kim
Subject: FW: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019
Attachments: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30 Day Availability - 2019.docx

*Mark Hamilton
Housing Program Supervisor
(209) 385-6863 – Main
(209) 388-8989 – Direct*

From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 1:32 PM
To: 'Mr.Namara, Cynthia' <cmenamara@modbee.com>
Cc: Mendonca, Dawn <mendoncad@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019

Good Afternoon,

The attached is a Public Notice needing to be published by the Housing Division (City of Merced) for the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan project.

Please include the attached notice in the next available Merced Sun-Star press run.

Please confirm run date! If you have any questions, please call (209) 385-6863. Thank you...

Regards.

Mark Hamilton

Housing Program Supervisor

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*Mark Hamilton
Housing Program Supervisor
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From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 1:35 PM
To: 'Shay Gordon' <shay@midvalleypub.com>
Cc: Mendonca, Dawn <mendoncad@cityofmerced.org>
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Nutt, Kim

From: Greene, Kirk
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:49 AM
To: Hamilton, Mark
Cc: Nutt, Kim; Tresidder, John; Levesque, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019 - Clerk Post.docx

May 17, 2019

Hi, Mark and Kim:

This public notice for the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan has been posted also to the City of Merced's Public Hearings webpage.

Have a good weekend!

Kirk

From: Hamilton, Mark <HamiltonM@cityofmerced.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Greene, Kirk <GreeneK@cityofmerced.org>; Nutt, Kim <NuttK@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: RE: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019 - Clerk Post.docx

No worries

https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cityclerk/public_hearings/default.asp

Yes, please still post the notice to the location under the clerks webpage.

And please mention there will be a "Public Hearing on June 17, 2019 to consider the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan.

Regards,

*Mark Hamilton
Housing & Community Development
(209) 383-6863 - Main
(209) 383-8989 - Direct*

From: Greene, Kirk <GreeneK@cityofmerced.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Nutt, Kim <NuttK@cityofmerced.org>
Cc: Hamilton, Mark <HamiltonM@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: RE: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019 - Clerk Post.docx

May 16, 2019

Hello, Kim:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF MERCED
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
2019 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The City of Merced's 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan applies to fiscal year 2019-20, which begins July 1, 2019, and ends June 30, 2020. A draft version of the 2019 Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comment from May 16, 2019, to June 17, 2019. A copy can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Division at 678 West 16th Street, 2nd floor, Merced, or on the City's website: www.cityofmerced.org/housing.

The HUD Annual Action Plan determines how the City of Merced will spend its Housing funds.

A public hearing will be held on June 17, 2019, before the Merced City Council to hear comments from the public regarding the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Spanish and Hmong translation services of the document is available upon request. For additional information, please contact the City of Merced Housing Division at (209) 385-6863, or via e-mail to hamiltonm@cityofmerced.org.

Attention: City Clerk.

CITY CLERK
CITY OF MERCED

Publish: May 16, 2019

_____/s/ Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton, Housing Supervisor

Grantee Unique Appendices - Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE 2019-2020 HUD ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN, CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG) PROGRAM AND HOME INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM, AND
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT ALL
APPROVED DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that the City of Merced is estimated to receive \$1,599,455 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partner Program (HOME) program year 2019-2020 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Merced held four community meetings on November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, January 7, 2019 and February 7, 2019, a public meeting on April 15, 2019 and public hearing on June 17, 2019; to consider public comments and proposals regarding the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, during said meetings information was provided about HUD's National Goals and Objectives, the City of Merced's 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and a discussion was held about eligible uses of CDBG and HOME funds in the City of Merced; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merced has provided citizens with an opportunity to review and comment on concerns involving the amount of funds available for proposed housing and community development, the range of activities and program requirements, and provided citizens with adequate opportunity to participate in development of the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan, including any submissions, revisions, changes or amendments thereto for a 30-day period commencing on May 16, 2019 and ending on June 17, 2019.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby approves the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related thereto, and staff is authorized to submit all documents to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of _____ 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly Thomas 5-15-19
City Attorney Date

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number 4040-0034
Expiration Date: 12/31/2018

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* 3. Date Received: 05/28/2018	4. Applicant Identifier: CA62250 MERCED	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Merced		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 94-6000171	* c. Organizational DUNS: 1692115540000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 578 W. 10th Street	<input type="text"/>	
Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City: Merced	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State: CA: California	<input type="text"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 95320-4700	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Dept. of Development Services	Division Name: Housing Division	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Mark	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: R.	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Hamilton	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>	
Title: Housing Program Supervisor		
Organizational Affiliation:		
<input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 209-385-6863	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: mark.hamilton@merced.ca.gov		

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Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Steve"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="S."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Carrigan"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="209 385-5824"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value=""/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="carrigan@cityofnewed.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value=""/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="06/21/2019"/>

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11736; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Merced	06/21/2019

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="94-6000371"/>		* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="1592115940000"/>	
d. Address:			
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Street2:	<input type="text"/>		
* City:	<input type="text" value="Merced"/>		
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>		
* State:	<input type="text" value="CA: California"/>		
Province:	<input type="text"/>		
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="95340-4700"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Dept. of Development Services"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="Housing Division"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name:	<input type="text" value="Mark"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="B."/>		
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Hamilton"/>		
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Housing Program Supervisor"/>			
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>			
* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="209-385-6863"/>	Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>
* Email:	<input type="text" value="hamiltonm@cityofmerced.org"/>		

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Middle Name: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Carrigan"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11736; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§460a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

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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) 2018, 2019, 2020 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.

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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.

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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;

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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.

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) 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.

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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.

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