## CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

**Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)**

The City of Escondido received $2,495,991 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. The City also was allocated $2,394,882 in Community Development Block Grant CV dollars to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

The purpose of these funds is to ensure low- and moderate-income households have resources for affordable housing, suitable living environments and to expand opportunities. The City administers and provides funding for public services, fair housing and capital improvement projects addressing homeless services, neighborhood revitalization, basic needs, health and human development, economic development and affordable housing.

This is the second year of a five-year Consolidated Plan from 2020 – 2024. In this past year, CDBG funding was used to make investments and substantial improvements to infrastructure, public services and neighborhood revitalization. Funding went to renovate the Park Avenue Community Center’s courtyard to expand outdoor dining options to promote safety and socialization among seniors. The City also invested in critical public services helping 80 Escondido foster youth get connected with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), serving two nutritious meals a day to 224 seniors in Escondido through Meals on Wheels, and installing 53 knoxboxes for low-income, disabled households to allow for emergency personnel to gain access during an emergency. The City’s Public Works Team removed 34,371 tags on private and publicly-owned commercial areas thanks to the support of CDBG funds. The City’s ESG dollars diverted 54 households or 216 indivdiuals (with school-age children 10-18 years old) from becoming homeless. Escondido Education COMPACT provided case management, financial literacy and financial support to Escondido families and partnered closely with the Escondido School District.

Below is a summary of CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and ESG accomplishments and funding in FY 2021-22 and the City’s overall progress and achievements towards its five-year goals. It’s important to point out that HOME accomplishments are not reported to HUD until they are finalized. Adminstrative costs for CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and ESG are not captured in the chart.

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| **Goal** | **Category** | **Total Source / Amount** | **Indicator** | **Unit of Measure** | **Expected – Strategic Plan** | **Actual – Strategic Plan** | **Percent Complete** | **Expected – Program Year** | **Actual – Program Year** |
| Access to recreation, education and healthcare | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $171,040 | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 750 | 1500 | 200% | 250 | 580 |
| Affordable ownership opportunities | Affordable Housing | HOME: $0 | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 10 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Affordable ownership opportunities | Affordable Housing | HOME: $25,000 | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers | Households Assisted | 5 | 1 | 20% | 1 | 0 |
| Basic needs and case mgt to residents in shelter | Homeless | ESG: $0 | Homelessness | Persons Assisted | 400 | 122 | 31% | 0 | 0 |
| Create and preserve affordable rental housing | Affordable Housing | HOME: $0 | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Create and preserve affordable rental housing | Affordable Housing | HOME: $533,506 | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 15 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Economic development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $0 | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Economic development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $0 | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 1 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Economic development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $0 | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street | Homeless | ESG: $0 | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Improve the livability of neighborhoods | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $1,064,461 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 10000 | 14983 | 150% | 15000 | 7983 |
| Improve the livability of neighborhoods | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $0 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Improve the livability of neighborhoods | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $110,018  CDBG-CV: $90,000 | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 200 | 500 | 250% | 0 | 332 |
| Improve the livability of neighborhoods | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: $115,000 | Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care | Household Housing Unit | 1000 | 1026 | 103% | 0 | 135 |
| Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless | Non-Homeless Special Needs | ESG: $143,490 | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 80 | 216 | 270% | 100 | 216 |
| Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation | Homeless | CDBG: $137,720  CDBG-CV: $426,835 | Other | Other | 1500 | 838 | 56% | 500 | 581 |
| Provide perm hsg to homeless households | Homeless | ESG: $0 | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 |
| Provide perm hsg to homeless households | Homeless | ESG: $0 | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 |
| Support homeless shelter and other services | Homeless | CDBG: $0 | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 500 | 120 | 24% | 0 | 0 |
| Temporarily house homeless residents | Homeless | ESG: $0 | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 600 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 |

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

**Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

Successes

The City has met its five-year goal of helping 1500 residents access recreation, education and healthcare (both physical and mental health) in the City of Escondido. The City recognizes the importance of personal wellness and is pleased to see low-to-moderate income residents participate in recreational programming like discounted swim lessons, reduced museum passes, transportation to-and-from the senior center, individual counseling services for high school students, case management resources for seniors and connecting children involved in the foster care system in Escondido with a CASA.

The City accomplished its goal of improving the liability of neighborhoods for public services with no-cost legal aid services. Within the past two years, the City contracted with Legal Aid Society of San Diego which served a total of 425 residents in Escondido experiencing fair housing concerns. The City recognizes the need for tenancy support and eviction prevention is high due to the pandemic and as a result, the City issued two additional contracts with Legal Aid using CBDG-CV dollars for $179,780. These additional funds allowed Legal Aid to serve a great number of people with no-cost legal support. The funds also supported a free summer camp, POWER Mobile Recreation, for 75 youth at Grove Park. The camp creates a safe environment where kids can enjoy games, sports, arts and craft projects without leaving their neighborhood.

The City reached its housing code compliance goal of improving the liability of neighborhoods with housing code compliance. The City’s Code Compliance team served 1,026 residents with education, resources and services.

The City continues to make strides in helping at-risk families stay housed through the use of ESG and CDBG funds. These funds helped offer basic needs like meals to vulnerable seniors, adults with disabilities and those with chronic health conditions and homelessness prevention. The Park Avenue Community Center provided case management services to 268 individuals in need for resources.

The City provided $100,000 in capital improvement funding to Urban Corps of San Diego County in FY2020-21 to renovate a building to expand their services to North County residents. This local nonprofit annually serves 400 low- and-moderate income transitional age youth (18-26) who have previously involvement in the criminal justice, fostercare system and have struggled with housing instability. This new North County building located in the city of Escondido will help an anticipated 200 young adults earn their high school education and receive workforce training and employment. The project renovations were completed in Spring 2022.

Challenges

The City’s First Time Homebuyer Program remains very popular in the community, but the City has faced challenges finding qualified homebuyers or homes priced below HUD’s maximum value limit of $518,000. Some of the program’s major challenges continue to be the lack of housing inventory and strict federal regulations on income levels and maximum purchase price limits. Prices for a single-family home have increased significantly over the past years, which have led to a decline in loan applications and the overall number of issuance of loans. No households were served in FY2021-22 in the program.

The City recognizes this program is important for low-to-moderate income households who are trying to pursue homeownership and a comprehensive evaluation of the program needs to be conducted to understand how the City can improve the existing homebuyer program.

The City recently executed a contract with Habitat for Humanity in September 2022 to build 10 affordable homes at 80% AMI. This project will use HOME dollars from 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. City staff plans to execute a RFP in the next six months for new affordable housing development.

**Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

The City of Escondido has prioritized funding to basic needs, health and human development and neighborhood revitalization.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

**Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **CDBG** | **HOME** | **ESG** |
| White | 1,323 | 0 | 52 |
| Black or African American | 76 | 0 | 2 |
| Asian | 66 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian or American Native | 33 | 0 | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| Two or more races | 90 |  |  |

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| **Total** | **1,619** | **0** | **54** |

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|  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic | 611 | 0 | 50 |
| Not Hispanic | 1,008 | 0 | 4 |

**Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds**

**Narrative**

The City’s CDBG programs served 1,619 households in Escondido of whom 82% reported they were White, 6% identified as two or more races, 5% stated they were Black, 4% stated they were Asian, 2% reported they were American Indian or American Native, and 2% said they were Native Hawaiian. Sixty-two percent of households identified as not Hispanic and 38% identified as Hispanic.

City staff compared this information to the City of Escondido’s Census Data published in July 2021 and they noticed a higher rate of White only (35.8%), Black (2.3%), American Indian (1%) and Native Hawaiian (.4%) accessing CDBG-funding. Additional efforts will be made by City staff to ensure more outreach and education is being conducted by subrecipients to reflect the city’s racial and ethnic profile.

The City’s ESG program served 54 households and 93% reported they were Hispanic and 7% were not Hispanic.

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

**Identify the resources made available**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Source of Funds** | **Source** | **Resources Made Available** | **Amount Expended During Program Year** |
| CDBG | public - federal | $1,716,516 | $1,232,035.88 |
| CDBG-CV | public-federal | $2,394,882 | $510,935.87 |
| HOME | public - federal | $624,351 | $57,029.61 |
| ESG | public - federal | $155,124 | $139,859.33 |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

**Narrative**

The City spent $1,428,924.82 or 57% of its total allocation of CDBG, HOME and ESG for FY 2021-2022. Some of the barriers that impacted spending were staff turnover, multi-year capital improvement projects and the competitive housing market which hindered low- and-moderate first-time homebuyers from purchasing a home.

The City spent $510,935.87 or 21% of its total CDBG-CV funds. Projects that are currently being funded are: fair housing, senior nutrition, in-home meal delivery and neighborhood improvements. The City will be issuing a RFP in the next month for homelessness prevention rental assistance and other services using CBDG-CV funds.

**Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Target Area** | **Planned Percentage of Allocation** | **Actual Percentage of Allocation** | **Narrative Description** |
| CDBG Eligible Areas |  |  |  |
| City of Escondido | 100 | 100 |  |
| Neighborhood Groups |  |  |  |

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

**Narrative**

The City focuses the use of HOME funds throughout the City. Housing staff uses a Request for Proposal process to select developers to provide affordable housing using a combination of HOME and other leveraged funds.

**Leveraging**

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

HOME grantees must match 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. It has been the City of Escondido’s practice to leverage federal housing funds with local, public and private funding sources.

The City of Escondido did not use any publicly owned land or property to address affordable housing needs in FY 2021-22. Housing staff is working with the City’s Real Property Manager to evaluate vacant properties for the potential development of affordable housing.

| **Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match** | |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year | $2,257,826 |
| 2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year | $0 |
| 3 .Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2) | $2,257,826 |
| 4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year |  |
| 5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4) | $2,257,826 |

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

| **Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year** | | | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Project No. or Other ID** | **Date of Contribution** | **Cash**  **(non-Federal sources)** | **Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges** | **Appraised Land/Real Property** | **Required Infrastructure** | **Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor** | **Bond Financing** | **Total Match** |
| N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

**HOME MBE/WBE report**

| **Program Income** – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period**  **$** | **Amount received during reporting period**  **$** | **Total amount expended during reporting period**  **$** | **Amount expended for TBRA**  **$** | **Balance on hand at end of reporting period**  **$** |
| $1,059,528 | $217,726 | $0 | $0 | $1,277,254 |

Table 7 – Program Income

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| **Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises –** Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period |

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|  | **Total** | **Minority Business Enterprises** | | | | **White Non-Hispanic** |
| **Alaskan Native or American Indian** | **Asian or Pacific Islander** | **Black Non-Hispanic** | **Hispanic** |

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| **Contracts** | | | | | | |
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| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| **Sub-Contracts** | | | | | | |
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| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|  | **Total** | **Women Business Enterprises** | **Male** |

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| **Contracts** | | | |
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| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| **Sub-Contracts** | | | |
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| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

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| **Minority Owners of Rental Property** – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted |

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|  | **Total** | **Minority Property Owners** | | | | **White Non-Hispanic** |
| **Alaskan Native or American Indian** | **Asian or Pacific Islander** | **Black Non-Hispanic** | **Hispanic** |
| Number | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dollar Amount | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

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| **Relocation and Real Property Acquisition –** Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition |

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|  | **Number** | **Cost** |
| Parcels Acquired |  |  |
| Businesses Displaced |  |  |
| Nonprofit Organizations Displaced |  |  |
| Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Households Displaced** | **Total** | **Minority Property Enterprises** | | | | **White Non-Hispanic** |
| **Alaskan Native or American Indian** | **Asian or Pacific Islander** | **Black Non-Hispanic** | **Hispanic** |
| Number | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

**Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.**

|  | One-Year Goal | Actual |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 100 | 0 |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 500 | 0 |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **600** | **0** |

Table 11 – Number of Households

|  | One-Year Goal | Actual |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Number of households supported through Rental Assistance | 0 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through The Production of New Units | 0 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units | 0 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **0** | **0** |

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

There are a few different types of projects at various stages of the pipeline and it is anticipated that they will help meet the goals over the next three years.

No households were served in FY2021-22 in the program.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The need for affordable housing continues to be strong, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.  Community needs have been assessed and evaluated reflecting the current need and anticipated resources, have been established for the current 2020 Con Plan. The City anticipates on re-evaluated its First-Time Homebuyer Program and releasing an RFP for affordable housing in the coming months.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of Households Served** | **CDBG Actual** | **HOME Actual** | |
| Extremely Low-income (0-30% AMI) | 1,052 | 0 |
| Very Low (30-50% AMI) | 373 |  |
| Low-income (51-80% AMI) | 134 | 0 |
| Moderate-income (81% and above AMI) | 60 | 0 |
| **Total** | **1,619** | **0** |

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

**Narrative Information**

The majority of households served were extremely low income (65%), very low income (23%) and low-income (8%). Less than four percent of the total number of households served had an income of 81% or above.

## CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

**Evaluate the jurisdiction’s progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

Reducing and ending homelsssness is one of the City’s top priorities. In FY 2021-22, the City of Escondido used CDBG, ESG and ESG-CV funds to reach out to and assist persons experiencing homelessness. Through these various funding streams, the City of Escondido provided basic needs support, homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter and temporary non-congregate shelter and rapid re-housing programs.

Escondido Education COMPACT was the City of Escondido's subrecipient for the FY 2021-22 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and served 54 Escondido households with homelessness prevention, case management, and rental assistance to help people maintain or find affordable housing.

Interfaith Community Services is the City’s subreceipient for ESG-CV funds.

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

More work needs to be done in this space. The City receives dozens of calls each week from people at-risk or experiencing homelessness. More formal stakeholder meetings need to be conducted with the population. The City does facilitate a quarterly homeless meeting where needs are identified and expressed by local service providers.

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

The City allocated over $1.2M in temporary shelter options using ESG-CV funds.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

The City provided $143,490 in ESG funding for homelessness prevention, $10,000 for Escondido foster youth, $16,000 for a case manager at the senior center, $35,000 for free legal aid services to address fair housing concerns, $56,110 for nutrition services to low-income seniors (housed and unhoused) and $100,000 to renovate a building to serve low-income individuals and families who are housing insecure.

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

The City of Escondido uses both CDBG and ESG funds to assist residents who are experiencing homelessness.  Quarterly meetings are held to discuss helping households experiencing homelessness. City staff is working with the CoC and County of San Diego on creating a byname list in the Ciyt of Escondido to help the most vulnerable individuals prioritized to housing resources and services and exit the streets.

## CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

**Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

The County of San Diego administers the Housing Choice Voucher  Program (Section 8) to low-income Escondido residents in need of affordable housing.  The City continues to support the County’s efforts to serve Escondido residents with Housing Choice Vouchers.  Currently, there are 981 Escondido residents receiving a Section 8 voucher.  There are 3,171 Escondido residents on the waiting list. The majority of those receiving vouchers or on the waiting list are elderly or disabled households with extremely low income.

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

City staff listen to feedback on issues from all residents. The City of Escondido has a First-Time Homebuyer Program and staff is redesigning the program to increase individuals chances of homeownership.

**Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

City staff has facilitated several meetings with the County of San Diego’s PHA to discuss the County’s distribution of vouchers, Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), local priorities and the data on the number of housing vouchers distributed and the number of Escondido residents on the waitlist.

## CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

**Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

The City of Escondido’s 2020 Consolidated Plan identified several public policies that could have an adverse impact on the provision of affordable housing in Escondido. Potential barriers include land use controls, environmental protection, planning and development fees, public opposition to affordable housing, permit and processing procedures/times, lack of  affordable housing funds, prevailing wage requirements, and building codes and enforcement.   Escondidio’s obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the limited amount of federal, state and local resources available, and the high cost of housing in San Diego County specifically and California in general.

The City does have the ability to introduce actions to minimize the influence of some local governmental constraints on affordable housing, however, including monitoring local ordinances for negative impacts and streamlining processing.   The City is nearing completion of its 8-year Housing Element, and will incorporate applicable housing policies and recommendations from the plan, including adoption of Zoning Code amendments and new policies.  It is expected that the Element will specifically identify barriers to affordable housing that can be partially or wholly remedied by the city. The City will continue to monitor existing policies and ordinances to determine if they need to be modified, and sections of the Zoning Code will be reviewed and will continue to be overhauled.

**Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City has met with Legal Aid and presented data to the Housing Commission on no-fault evictions and the state rent control policies. Staff working with various departments to explore barriers and come up to solutions to address the affordable housing needs.

**Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City of Escondido is committed to addressing lead-based paint hazards.  Federal law requires lead-based paint disclosure and education prior to leasing, renting, selling or purchasing most pre-1978 housing. The City follows disclosure and warning requirements about lead-based paint, including incorporation of the Lead Safety Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) pamphlet, which is available to the public, and obtaining a signed acknowledgement receipt that confirms applicants are aware of the risks of disturbing lead based paint when renovating a home.  The City conducts required lead-based paint related activities for all HOME funded activities under Title X of the 1992 Housing and Community Development Act, such as paint testing, risk assessment, hazard reduction, or abatement and clearance. No single-family residences were rehabilitated during FY 2021-22. No lead-based paint remediations were completed in FY 2021-22 and no residences were made “lead-free” during the fiscal year since no residences containing lead-based paint were rehabilitated.  Staff will continue to attend meetings, seminars and training regarding lead-based paint hazard testing and reduction, when possible.  Required testing and/or remediation is conducted for all HOME funded activities.

**Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City of Escondido has a strategy to help impoverished families achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The current anti-poverty strategy utilizes non-educational and personal development tools as a means of reducing the number of persons with incomes below the poverty line. Funding for programs such as Senior Transportation, Senior Nutrition, Senior CARE and Meals on Wheels all help reduce the poverty level in senior households.  Funding to the San Diego Children’s Museum helps fund educational workshops at the museum as well as mobile workshops for schools in the City’s low-income areas. In addition, the Neighbor to Neighbor program serves to support neighborhoods and families in low-income neighborhoods and empower them to address livability concerns in their neighborhoods.

**Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has the primary responsibility of carrying out affordable housing and community development programs, administering and implementing requirements of the HOME, CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV programs.    The City contracts with local nonprofit organizations to administer public service and fair housing activities, as well as administering some projects directly.  Where applicable, contract agencies will be responsible for program administration.

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City of Escondido has long been committed to fostering relationships with local community groups, including public and private agencies, to implement and coordinate the objectives and programs for producing and preserving affordable housing, meeting community development needs, and providing facilities and services.  The City continues to update the list of interested groups to meet current needs.

The City facilitates a quarterly meeting with 15-20 different social service providers in North County. The purpose of this meeting is to strengthen community partnerships, provide information on City-funded projects, initiatives and policies and solicit valuable input from providers on the needs in the community and new resources.

City staff  participates in the Regional Task Force on Homelessness which includes over 55 agency partners and 330 unique programs to coordinate regional efforts and resources dedicated to addressing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency in the region.   City staff serves on the Steering Community for the Alliance for Regional Solutions, an affiliation of service providers addressing poverty and homelessness issues in Northern San Diego County.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

During FY 2021-22 the City of Escondido continued participation as part of the San Diego Regional Alliance for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (SDRAFFH), a collaboration of San Diego County cities.  The City is an active member of the group.  The SDRAFFH, formerly the Fair Housing Resource Board, disseminates information about fair housing rights and responsibilities and promotes fair housing choice in the region.  The jurisdictions who are members of the SDRAFFH worked on and produced the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, based on HUD requirements.  The report was completed just as the HUD Final Rule was changed, so it was not submitted to HUD.  However, the State of California still requires submittal of a AFFH in conjunction with a Housing Element. The City will work to address any impediments to Fair Housing that are included in the upcoming completed Housing Element.

 In FY 2021-22, the City continued to contract with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego as its fair housing services provider.  They are contracted to provide comprehensive fair housing services to the residents of Escondido and added a second contract using CDBG-CV dollars. The contracts includes landlord/tenant counseling, information and assistance, mediation and education, and fair housing testing.  The contract is administered by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division.

During FY 2021-22 Legal Aid Society of San Diego reported the following accomplishments:  
      
 A toll free phone system was developed to receive fair housing complaints and Legal Aid screened 257 calls for fair housing or housing services from Escondido residents. Some of the themes emegenced were disability housing discrimination, source of income, racial/age discrimination, gender/martial status and other housing concerns. The majority of calls were resolved with eduation, advice or referrals, but nearly two dozen calls remained open and are pending investigation.

Legal Aid held a staff training in May 2022 and all North County staff were invited.

In person testing was halted due to the pandemic.  The switch was made to telephone and email tests. Ten tests were conducted in Escondido.

## CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

City staff monitored external CDBG subrecipients in June and July 2022. A checklist was used to ensure program compliance. Staff monitors for regulary compliance and the potential of fraud, waste, mismanagement and other opportunities for potential abuse. City staff met with internally with city departments to review program outcomes, timelines and finanicial invoices. Contract provisions allow for the funding suspension, termination and reimbursement request disallowances at any time during the program year based on performance deficiencies.

The City has incorporated the 2013 HOME Final Rule changes to its Policies and Procedures, participating those related to monitoring of programs and development projects related to the use of HOME allocation and program income.

**Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

The City published a 15-day notice from October 11 – October 26, 2022 on its website and the local paper, the Escondido Times Advocate, to solicit public input on the draft FY 2021-22 CAPER.

City staff will facilitate a public presentation on October 25, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Mitchell Room at Hall with community members to review program outcomes, expenditures and gather community feedback.

Copies of the CAPER were printed and placed in binders at City Hall and the Escondido’s Public Library for the public review and comment.

**CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

**Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?**

The City does not have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative grants.

## CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

**Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations**

Due to staff turnover and transition, the City has not conducted on-site inspections of its affordable rental housing properties in FY 2021-22 to determine compliance.

Staff is working with a third-party consultant to evaluate its monitoring program and provide best practice recommendations to ensure compliance with housing codes and applicable regulations. The City recently hired a Housing Management Analyst who will work closely with the consultant to determine next steps.

On-site inspections were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with HUD’s Availablity of Waivers and Suspensions. The City of Escondido conducted desk monitoring of HOME funded residential projects in FY 2020-21.

**Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)**

The City requires all HOME-funded developments to have an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. The City confirms each owner collects data regarding affirmative marketing and race and ethnicity. Faire Housing information must be included on-site and displayed in any advertisements. These requirements are written into the City’s contracts and policies and procedures.

**Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics**

The City received $217,726 in program income for FY 2021-22. The total balance is $1,277,254 which is available for use.

**Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)**

When an affordable housing project is near the end of its affordability period, the City works with the property owners to try to extend the regulatory agreements to maintain the city’s affordable housing stock. The City has several can assist in preserving affordability with the use of refinancing existing debt, providing incentives to the owner and assisting the owner obtain additional tax credits.

## CR-58 – Section 3

**Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Labor Hours** | **CDBG** | **HOME** | **ESG** | **HOPWA** | **HTF** |
| Total Number of Activities | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Labor Hours |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program** | **CDBG** | **HOME** | **ESG** | **HOPWA** | **HTF** |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships). |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching). |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes,preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Held one or more job fairs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assisted residents with finding child care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other. |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

**Narrative**

The City contracts with AmeriNat to ensure Section 3 compliance. The company monitored Urban Corps and conducted regular reviews and reports to City staff. A site intereveiw was performed on December 27, 2021.

## CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

**ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps***

**For Paperwork Reduction Act**

**1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete**

**Basic Grant Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Recipient Name** | Escondido |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Organizational DUNS Number** | 078727211 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **UEI** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **EIN/TIN Number** | 956000708 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Indentify the Field Office** | LOS ANGELES |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance** |  |

**ESG Contact Name**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Prefix** | Ms |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **First Name** | Holly |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Middle Name** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Last Name** | Nelson |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Suffix** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Title** | Housing & Neighborhood Services Manager |

**ESG Contact Address**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Street Address 1** | 201 N. Broadway |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Street Address 2** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **City** | Escondido |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **State** | CA |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **ZIP Code** | - |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Phone Number** | 7608394518 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Extension** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Fax Number** |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Email Address** | hnelson@escondido.org |

**2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Program Year Start Date** | 07/01/2021 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Program Year End Date** | 06/30/2022 |

**3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient**

|  |
| --- |
| **Escondido Education COMPACT** |
| **Escondido** |
| **CA** |
| **92025** |
| **DUNS Number** |
| **UEI** |
| **Is subrecipient a victim services provider: unknown** |
| **Subrecipient Organization Type: non-profit organization** |
| **ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: $143,490** |

## CR-65 - Persons Assisted

**4. Persons Served**

**4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Number of Persons in Households** | **Total** |
| Adults | 78 |
| Children | 136 |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information | 2 |
| **Total** | 216 |

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

**4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Number of Persons in Households** | **Total** |
| Adults |  |
| Children |  |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information |  |
| **Total** | 0 |

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

**4c. Complete for Shelter**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Number of Persons in Households** | **Total** |
| Adults |  |
| Children |  |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information |  |
| **Total** | 0 |

Table 18 – Shelter Information

**4d. Street Outreach**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Number of Persons in Households** | **Total** |
| Adults |  |
| Children |  |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information |  |
| **Total** | 0 |

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

**4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Number of Persons in Households** | **Total** |
| Adults | 78 |
| Children | 136 |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information | 2 |
| **Total** | 216 |

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

All participants must have at least one child between the ages of 10-18.

**5. Gender—Complete for All Activities**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Total** |
| Male | 87 |
| Female | 128 |
| Transgender | 1 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information |  |
| **Total** | 216 |

Table 21 – Gender Information

**6. Age—Complete for All Activities**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Total** |
| Under 18 | 136 |
| 18-24 |  |
| 25 and over | 78 |
| Don’t Know/Refused/Other |  |
| Missing Information |  |
| **Total** | 216 |

Table 22 – Age Information

The majority of participants were referred by the Escondido School District.

**7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities**

**Number of Persons in Households**

| **Subpopulation** | **Total** | **Total Persons Served – Prevention** | **Total Persons Served – RRH** | **Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Veterans |  | 0 |  |  |
| Victims of Domestic Violence |  |  |  |  |
| Elderly |  |  |  |  |
| HIV/AIDS |  |  |  |  |
| Chronically Homeless |  |  |  |  |

| **Persons with Disabilities:** | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Severely Mentally Ill |  |  |  |  |
| Chronic Substance Abuse |  |  |  |  |
| Other Disability |  | 35 |  |  |
| Total (unduplicated if possible) |  | 216 |  |  |

Table 23 – Special Population Served

This data was not captured.

## CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

**10. Shelter Utilization**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Number of New Units – Rehabbed | 0 |
| Number of New Units – Conversion | 0 |
| Total Number of bed - nigths available | 0 |
| Total Number of bed - nights provided | 0 |
| Capacity Utilization | 0 |

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

**11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)**

The City of Escondido works closely with the Regional Taskforce on Homelessness on issues related to homelessness. City staff will work closely with the Taskforce to ensure performance metrics align with industry best practices.

## CR-75 – Expenditures

**11. Expenditures**

**11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year** | | |
|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance |  |  | $52,959.50 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance |  |  | $0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services |  |  | $0 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program |  |  | $77,237.13 |
| **Subtotal Homelessness Prevention** |  |  | $130,196.63 |

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

**11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year** | | |
|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance |  |  | $0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance |  |  | $0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services |  |  | $0 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program |  |  | $0 |
| **Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing** |  |  | $0 |

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

**11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year** | | |
|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Essential Services |  |  | $0 |
| Operations |  |  | $0 |
| Renovation |  |  | $0 |
| Major Rehab |  |  | $0 |
| Conversion |  |  | $0 |
| **Subtotal** |  |  | $0 |

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

**11d. Other Grant Expenditures**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year** | | |
|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Street Outreach |  |  | $0 |
| HMIS |  |  | $0 |
| Administration |  |  | $9,662.70 |

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

**11e. Total ESG Grant Funds**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total ESG Funds Expended** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| $451,775.12 | $152,009.43 | $159,906.36 | $139,859.33 |

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

**11f. Match Source**

All matching dollars come from the housing fund.

The Successor Agency Housing Special Revenue Fund was established to account for the housing activities of the dissolved Community Development Commission. The Successor Agency provides the resources for the activities of this fund that were approved by the California Department of Finance on the Successor Agency Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules. Other resources are received through loan repayments.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Other Non-ESG HUD Funds |  |  |  |
| Other Federal Funds |  |  |  |
| State Government |  |  |  |
| Local Government |  |  |  |
| Private Funds |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  | $9,662.70 |
| Fees |  |  |  |
| Program Income |  |  |  |
| **Total Match Amount** |  |  | $9,662.70 |

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

**11g. Total**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| $451,775.12 | $152,009.43 | $159,906.36 | $139,859.33 |

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities