

Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2022-2023

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> Annual Action Plan 2022-2023

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Action Plan focuses on activities to be funded with the City of Gardena Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program entitlement grant administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Housing and community development needs in the City are extensive and require the effective and efficient use of limited funds. HUD allocates CDBG funding to eligible jurisdictions on a formula basis, using factors such as population, income distribution, and poverty rate. The City is receiving \$601,759 in FY 2022-2023 entitlement CDBG funds.

CDBG Program

CDBG is an annual grant for cities to assist in the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally to persons of low-and moderate-income.

There is a wide range of activities that are eligible under CDBG Programs. CDBG grantees are responsible for ensuring that each eligible activity meets one of three national objectives:

- 1. Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.
- 2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- 3. Meet an urgent need that the grantee is unable to finance on its own.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

HUD requires that all activities and programs carried out with CDBG funds satisfy one of following three objectives; to create a suitable living environment, to provide decent housing, or to create economic opportunities. HUD also prescribes three outcome categories to describe the result of the activity or project, these outcomes are: availability/accessibility, affordability, and sustainability. Therefore, each of the goals and priorities identified in this ConPlan must have a corresponding housing funds and such funds may be combined as a leveraging tool for new housing development.

Individual projects and activities carried out to achieve the objectives and outcomes identified in the ConPlan, will be funded based on the availability of annual CDBG funding. The City of Gardena received an average of \$631,937 over the last five-year period. It is anticipated that the City will receive approximately \$637,637 per year over the next 5-year ConPlan period. The figures proposed for each project are estimates based on the assumptions that CDBG funding, entitlement funding distribution formulas and/or the number of communities eligible to receive entitlement grants will remain constant. If any of these conditions change, projected activities and accomplishments are also subject to change.

HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Outcome Performance Measurement Framework classifies objectives in three (3) categories: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunity. Based on the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis, the Strategic Plan identifies eight high priority needs to be addressed through the implementation of activities aligned with eight Strategic Plan goals.

The high priority needs include:

- Planning and Administration
- Fair Housing Services
- Public Services to Help Low-Income Residents
- Preservation of Supply of Affordable Housing
- Neighborhood Preservation & Improvement
- Expand the Supply of affordable housing
- Economic Development
- Prevent and Eliminate Homelessness

The following goals are identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Planning and Administration
- Fair Housing Services
- Services for Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
- Public Infrastructure Improvements
- Public Facilities Improvements
- Code Enforcement
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Rental Housing Rehabilitation
- Economic Development
- Housing Assistance Vouchers

3. Evaluation of past performance

In the implementation of its CDBG programs, the City of Gardena takes various initiatives to ensure success in meeting Consolidated Plan objectives and addressing community need. The City expended almost 89% of its allocation on activities benefiting low and moderate income persons. The City involves the public in its programs by conducting extensive public outreach and complying with citizen participation requirements. Additionally, the City coordinates with various non-profit and other local organizations in the implementation of its programs to ensure funding has the greatest impact in addressing needs. During Planning Period 2016-2021 ("PP 2016"), Gardena expended \$3,150,635 on activities meeting its strategic plan objectives of providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and creating economic opportunity. Lack of funding makes it difficult to address all strategic

plan objectives in one program year. As a result, Gardena funds high priority projects to the extent possible.

In PP 2016, Gardena was able to funds projects that directly addressed specific strategic plan objectives including:

Housing - \$1,175,000

2016-2021 Projects:

- Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
- Residential Rebate Program
- Handy-worker Fix-Up Program
- Multi-Family Residential Code Correction Program

Strategic Plan Objectives Addressed

- Sustain existing housing stock through rehabilitation and necessary improvements
- Increase the number of new affordable housing units
- Increase homeownership opportunities

Suitable Living Environment - \$808,660

2016-2021 Projects:

- Code Enforcement
- Public Facilities/Recreation Improvements
- Accessibility Improvements

Strategic Plan Objectives Addressed

- Improve and stabilize city neighborhoods
- Enhance and encourage resident involvement
- Promote safe neighborhoods

2016-2021 Projects:

- Youth and Family Services Bureau
- Senior Citizen Day Care Center

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

On July 15, 2022, a public notice was published in the Daily Breeze announcing the opening of the 30-day public comment/application period and public hearing on the CDBG Program Use of Funds for fiscal year. Notices were also sent to the City Council, City Commissions and Committees and City Departments for dissemination.

The City received comments from City Departments. All requests for funding were reviewed and incorporated into the FY Annual Action Plan.

2022-2023 Draft Action Plan

A public hearing was held at the City Council Meeting on August 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the Draft Annual Action Plan. The Final Action Plan for FY 2022-2023 will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the August 16, 2022, deadline. The Action Plan is due 90 days before the beginning of the City's fiscal year, however, due to the late notification of the federal allocations related to the Coronavirus pandemic, HUD allows for the Action Plan to be submitted no later than the August 16, 2022, deadline.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments were received.

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

No comments were received.

7. Summary

The City received \$601,759 in FY 2022-2023 entitlement CDBG funds. The City anticipates funding projects to meet the priorities and corresponding goals during the five-year period.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	GARDENA	Administrative Services
		Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Gardena Administrative Services Department is the lead agency for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan, and for administration of the CBDG program, including the preparation of the required Action Plan, and CAPER. The City will at times, utilize the services of a specialized consultant to assist the City in carrying out the activities during each program year.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Consultation for the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan was achieved through a variety of strategies, including public hearings. All efforts were made to contact appropriate parties and obtain thorough input. These consultations, in conjunction with participation from citizens, provided the plan direction and scope

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

The City will continue to maintain partnerships with other local public and private agencies on regional solutions to long-term housing and community development problems. The City will provide technical assistance to developers and community-based organizations that assist the City in the provision of affordable housing and facilities. The City will also encourage collaboration between non-profit agencies, housing providers and government agencies. The City will maintain contact with trade organizations, such as the Building Industry Association (BIA).

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.

Homelessness is addressed regionally through the Continuum of Care (CoC) led by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles that coordinates and manages over \$70 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to men, women and children experiencing homelessness. The Los Angeles County Continuum of Care includes the entire county with the exception of the cities of Glendale, Pasadena and Long Beach, who administer and operate their own CoC systems. To facilitate planning and administration of services, LAHSA adopted eight regional Service Planning Areas (SPAs). The City of Gardena is part of SPA 8 – South Bay / Harbor. The CoC meets on a monthly basis to identify gaps in homeless services, establish funding priorities, and to pursue an overall systemic approach to addressing homelessness.

The CoC makes recommendations for allocation of funds available under the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. The representatives seek ways to improve collaboration and share scarce resources. The consensus approach from service providers is to emphasize prevention of homelessness first, then transitional housing and support services for individuals and families, and finally support for chronically homeless individuals.

The City participates in the annual homeless count sponsored by the CoC.

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

The City and the COC will continue to work together to develop performance standards that provide a measure to evaluate each ESG subrecipients effectiveness, such as how well the service provider succeeded at 1) targeting those who need the assistance most; 2) reducing the number of people living on the streets or emergency shelters; 3) shortening the time people spend homeless; and 4) reducing each program participant's housing barriers or housing stability risks. These performance standards will be incorporated into the City's Subrecipient Agreement, and to the extent possible, will be tracked and measured in HMIS. Table 2 on the following page provides a listing of the entities consulted as part of this planning process.

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

See Table 2 on the following page.

1	Agency/Group/Organization	LAHSA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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?	Email; telephone
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	РНА
	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?	Telephone
3	Agency/Group/Organization	County Public Health Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Telephone. The anticipated outcome is better information and communication regarding lead based paint hazards.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Youth and Family Service Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	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 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?	Telephone and email. The outcome is expected to include better communication and referral information for Gardena residents.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Gardena Senior Citizens Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	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?	Telephone.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

At least ten additional agencies were contacted. However, their names were not included if a response was not received.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	The Continuum of Care works to alleviate the impact of homelessness in the community through the cooperation and collaboration of social service providers. This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan's goal to prevent and end homelessness.
City of Gardena General Plan Housing Element	City of Gardena Planning Department	The Housing Element (2014-2021) serves as a policy guide to help the City plan for its existing and future housing needs. This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan's goal to assist in the creation and preservation of affordable housing for low income and special needs households.
Greater LA Homeless Count	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	The Greater Los Angeles Homeless County Overall Results for LA Continuum of Care (Updated October 7, 2016) report includes homeless census findings, survey findings, and discussion of methodologies used. This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan's goal to prevent and end homelessness.
LA Continuum of Care	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Key Findings for LA Continuum of Care by Service Planning Area and Supervisorial Districts (November 20, 2013) report includes homeless census findings, survey findings, and discussion of methodologies used. This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan's goal to prevent and end homelessness.
Los Angeles County Five-Year Comprehensive HIV Pla	Los Angeles County Commission on HIV; County of Los Angeles Public Health	This Comprehensive HIV Plan (2013-2017) is LA County's (LAC) first fully integrated HIV plan that addresses the full continuum of services from prevention and testing to linkage to care, treatment, and retention of persons living with HIV, including AIDS (PLWH). This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan's goal to support activities that strengthen neighborhoods through the provision of community services to benefit special needs households.
Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)	Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	The RHNA is an assessment process performed periodically as part of housing element and General Plan updates at the local level. The RHNA quantities the need for housing by income group within each jurisdiction during specific planning periods. This effort aligns with the Strategic Plan goal to assist in the creation and preservation of affordable housing for low income and special needs households.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

None.

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

The City Council held a public hearing on August 9, 2022, to solicit community comments and input on the use of the City's funding. Residents and stakeholders were notified of the public hearing through a publication in a local newspaper, direct email notification, and posting on the City's Website. No persons spoke on this item.

The draft Action Plan was available for public review and comment for a 30-day period.

The draft Action Plan was available on the City's website.

No comments have been received during the 30-day public review period. The City Council is scheduled to review and approve the FY Action Plan at a public hearing on August 9, 2022.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community	No one was in attendance.	None.	Not applicable.	
2	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No one was in attendance	None.	Not applicable.	
3	Resident Survey	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non- targeted/broad community	Not applicable.	None.	Not applicable.	CityofGardena.org
4	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Not applicable.	None.	Not applicable.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

For FY 2022-2023, the City of Gardena anticipates receiving \$601,759 in CDBG funding.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected	Narrative
	of		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	Description
	Funds		Allocation:	Income:	Resources:	\$	Available	
			\$	\$	\$		Remainder	
							of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition					,	\$601,759
	federal	Admin and						represents the
		Planning						estimated annual
		Economic						allocation of
		Development						CDBG funds.
		Housing						
		Public						
		Improvements						
		Public Services	601,759	0	0	601,759	0	
Other	public -	Public						
	federal	Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public -	Housing						These funds
	state							represent
								estimated repaid
								loans under the
								State HOME
								Program and
								CalHome
			0	0	0	0	0	programs.
Other	public -	Public						
	local	Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

 Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Gardena and HUD share a mutual interest in leveraging HUD resources to the maximum extent possible in order to deliver high-quality affordable housing, neighborhood improvement programs, supportive services, and economic development.

Entitlement Funds

Leverage, in the context of CDBG funding, means bringing other local, state, and federal financial resources to maximize the reach and impact of the City's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded programs. HUD, like many other federal agencies, encourages the recipients of federal monies to demonstrate that efforts are being made to strategically leverage additional funds in order to achieve greater results. Leverage is also a way to increase project efficiencies and benefit from economies of scale that often come with combining sources of funding for similar or expanded scopes. Funds will be leveraged if financial commitments toward the costs of a project from a source other than the originating HUD program are documented.

Other Federal Grant Programs

In addition to the CDBG entitlement dollars, the federal government has several other funding programs for community development and affordable housing activities. These include: the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, Section 202, the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) through the Federal Home Loan Bank, and others. It should be noted that in most cases the City would not be the applicant for these funding sources as many of these programs offer assistance to affordable housing developers rather than local jurisdiction.

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

The City does not own land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

None.

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	Program	2021	2025	Planning and	Citywide	Planning and	CDBG:	Other: 6000 Other
	Administration			Administration		Administration	\$100,350	
2	Fair Housing	2021	2025	Affordable	Citywide	Fair Housing	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Services			Housing		Services	\$20,000	other than
				Non-Homeless				Low/Moderate Income
				Special Needs				Housing Benefit: 125
								Persons Assisted
3	Services for Low	2021	2025	Homeless	Citywide	Public Services to	CDBG:	Public service activities
	& Moderate			Non-Homeless		Help Low-Income	\$90,260	other than
	Income Persons			Special Needs		Residents		Low/Moderate Income
						Prevent and		Housing Benefit: 70
						Eliminate		Persons Assisted
						Homelessness		Public service activities
								for Low/Moderate
								Income Housing
								Benefit: 18 Households
								Assisted
4	Code	2021	2025	Affordable	CDBG	Preservation of	CDBG:	Rental units
	Enforcement			Housing	Eligible	Supply of	\$230,000	rehabilitated: 6
					Areas	Affordable		Household Housing
						Housing		Unit
						Neighborhood		Homeowner Housing
						Preservation &		Rehabilitated: 250
						Improvement		Household Housing
								Unit
5	Owner-Occupied	2021	2025	Affordable	Citywide	Preservation of	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	Rehabilitation			Housing		Supply of	\$161,149	Rehabilitated: 25
						Affordable		Household Housing
						Housing		Unit
						Neighborhood		
						Preservation &		
						Improvement		

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Ensure efficient/effective use of CDBG to address Consolidated Plan priorities, provide oversight and coordination to make certain funds are spent properly and in a timely manner. A maximum of 20 percent of annual funding may be allocated to planning and administrative activities related to the CDBG program
2	Goal Name	Fair Housing Services
	Goal Description	Retain the services of a Fair Housing provider, promote fair housing education and outreach within Gardena, and continue to test for discrimination.
3	Goal Name	Services for Low & Moderate Income Persons
	Goal Description	Support programs for low- and moderate-income residents that provide childcare, direct services for seniors and frail elderly to maintain their independent living situation, food pantry, emergency food and shelter services and counseling services. The City will continue to fund its Youth and Family Services Program to facilitate the elimination of homelessness, including childcare services, food bank, temporary housing vouchers, and counseling services.
4	4 Goal Name Code Enforcement	
	Goal Description	Provide code enforcement activities to ensure a safe living environment for the City's low- and moderate-income households.
5 Goal Name Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation		Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The City will continue to fund its handy worker and residential rebate program to facilitate the preservation of affordable housing. The City will also fund its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program utilizing State HOME funds and CalHome program income funds.

Projects

AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

Introduction

To address the high priority needs identified in the Strategic Plan to the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, the City of Gardena will invest CDBG funds in projects that preserve affordable housing, provide fair housing services, provide services to low- and moderate-income residents, provide services to residents with special needs, prevent homelessness, preserve neighborhoods, improve public facilities and infrastructure, and facilitate the creation or expansion of small businesses. Together, these projects will address the housing, community and economic development needs of Gardena residents-particularly those residents residing in the low- and moderate-income areas.

Projects

#	Project Name			
1	PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION			
2	FAIR HOUSING SERVICES			
3	YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES BUREAU (COUNSELORS/AIDES)			
4	HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE ENFORCEMENT			
5	HANDY-WORKER/ RESIDENTIAL REBATE			

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The continuing reduction in federal grant funding has resulted in the City's limited funding priorities. In the past the City has funded a multi-family code correction program that worked in conjunction with Code Enforcement to address rental property health and safety issues. This program along with the City's Commercial Rehabilitation program will not be funded this fiscal year in order to focus the City's Code Enforcement activities on the City's lower income, owner-occupant residents through its Residential Rehabilitation Handyworker/Rebate Program. Code Enforcement efforts will be increased in the City's most declining single-family low- and moderate-income census tracts.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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		Target Area	Citywide
Needs Addressed Public Services to Help Low-Income Residents		Goals Supported	Services for Low & Moderate Income Persons
		Needs Addressed	Public Services to Help Low-Income Residents

	Funding	CDBG: \$90,260		
	Description	Provide low- and moderate-income families with a range of public services necessary to prevent homelessness and ameliorate the effects of poverty.		
	Target Date	6/30/2023		
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Youth and Family Services Program will assist approximately 100 families/individuals with housing referrals, food bank and counseling services.		
	Location Description	Citywide		
	Planned Activities	Activities include the payment of salaries for counselors to implement the services provided by the Youth and Family Services Bureau.		
4	Project Name	HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE ENFORCEMENT		
	Target Area	Citywide		
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement		
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of Supply of Affordable Housing Neighborhood Preservation & Improvement		
	Funding	CDBG: \$230,000		
	Description	Provide code enforcement located within low and moderate income census tracts in coordinated effort to address code deficiencies in housing occupied by low income households. The code enforcement activities are coordinated with housing rehabilitations staff to ensure the preservation of the City's affordable rental housing through the Multi-Family Residential Code Correction Program.		
	Target Date	6/30/2023		
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 25 households will be assisted through Code Enforcement efforts to address health and safety issues in the City's low and moderate income neighborhoods.		
	Location Description	Citywide		
	Planned Activities	Provide code enforcement located within low and moderate income census tracts in coordinated effort to address code deficiencies in housing occupied by low income households. The code enforcement activities are coordinated with housing rehabilitations staff to ensure the preservation of the City's affordable rental housing through the Handyworker/Rebate Program.		
5	Project Name	HANDY-WORKER/ RESIDENTIAL REBATE		
	Target Area	Citywide		
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation		
	Needs Addressed	Preservation of Supply of Affordable Housing Neighborhood Preservation & Improvement		
	Funding	CDBG: \$161,149		

Description	Continued funding of the City's Handy-worker/ Residential Rebate that provides grants and rebates to low and moderate income owner occupants to make necessary repairs to their home. The goal is to preserve the quality of existing owner-occupied dwellings through rehabilitation.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 25 households will be assisted through the City's Handyworker/Rebate Program.
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Continued funding of the City's Handy-worker/ Residential Rebate that provides grants and rebates to low and moderate income owner occupants to make necessary repairs to their home. The goal is to preserve the quality of existing owner-occupied dwellings through rehabilitation.

Table 4 – Project Summary

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

Assistance will be primarily directed to the CDBG low- and moderate-income areas are shown on the map included in section SP-10 of the Consolidated Plan. The CDBG low- and moderate-income areas are comprised of low- and moderate-income Census Tract Block Groups as defined by HUD. Residents of the CDBG low- and moderate-income areas have median incomes at or below 80% of the area median income based on family size for the County of Los Angeles.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CDBG Eligible Areas	38
Citywide	62

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For the program year, the City will invest \$601,756 of CDBG funds that will benefit low- and moderateincome Gardena residents. Of this amount, at least \$230,260 or 38.3% for Code Enforcement in CDBG resources will be invested in projects that exclusively benefit the CDBG low- and moderate-income areas. Due to the nature of these activities to be undertaken, they are limited to the CDBG low- and moderateincome areas while other funded projects and activities benefit low- and moderate-income limited clientele and are available citywide.

Discussion

The City seeks to disburse federal entitlement dollars strategically within low-and moderate-income (LMI) census tracts. No specific neighborhoods are targeted for expenditure of funds. However, Code Enforcement works with housing rehabilitation staff to identify distressed neighborhoods within which to focus its efforts to ameliorate health and safety issues. Investments in services serving special needs populations and primarily low- and moderate-income persons will be made throughout the City. The City will evaluate each eligible project and program based on urgency of needs, availability of other funding sources and financial feasibility. Residential rehabilitation assistance will be available to income-qualified households citywide with an emphasis on distressed neighborhoods identified by Code Enforcement.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Two high priority affordable housing needs are identified in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and three Strategic Plan goals are established to provide the framework necessary to invest CDBG funds to address the affordable housing needs of the City.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
Homeless	2	
Non-Homeless	25	
Special-Needs	0	
Total	27	

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Gardena does not administer Section 8 and does not own HUD Public Housing; however, the City is within the service area of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) for the purposes of Section 8 and Public Housing.

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

HACoLA will continue to serve the needs of residents through public housing and Section 8 vouchers. Specifically, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that the elderly in California will have an overall increase of 112 percent from 1990 to 2020. Los Angeles County mirrors this trend. To address the need for the growing senior population, in August of 2013, HUD approved HACoLA's application to designate 13 public housing senior developments as housing for elderly families only (62 years or older).

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

HACoLA actively encourages residents to be involved in the organization through resident councils and active participation in housing authority decisions via surveys and other forms of engagement. HACoLA also maintains quarterly newsletters for Section 8 tenants, public housing residents, and Section 8 property owners.

HACoLA encourages residents to explore homeownership opportunities. HACoLA currently administers Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program for public conventional housing and Housing Choice Voucher program residents. The FSS program provides critical tools and supportive services to foster a resident's transition from financial and housing assistance to economic and housing self-sufficiency, most importantly homeownership.

To support this effort, HACoLA utilizes marketing materials to outreach and further promote the program's requirements and benefits to all public housing residents. For families that are eligible to participate, a Contract of Participation (COP) is prepared to govern the terms and conditions of their participation and an Individual Training Service Plan (ITSP) is created that outlines the following: supportive services to be provided, activities to be completed by the participant, and agreed upon completion dates for the services and activities. The COP is valid for five years and may be extended to allow the family to meet their ITSP goals.

Once the COP is established and the family experiences an increase in tenant rent as a result of earned income, an escrow account in their name is established and increased earned income is deposited into this account. Escrow accounts are disbursed to the family once the family has graduated successfully from the program. Families are encouraged to utilize these funds towards educational and homeownership endeavors. Additionally, HACOLA provides residents with information on CDC's homeownership programs.

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

N/A, HACoLA is designated as a High Performing Public Housing Agency.

Discussion

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles administers Section 8 to provide rental assistance to low-income families, senior citizens, and disabled individuals. In 2020, 634 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers were held by Gardena households.

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

Introduction

The City will invest CDBG funds during the program year to address high priority needs identified in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan including preventing homelessness and providing public services to special needs populations. This will be accomplished through the City's Youth, Senior and Family Services program.

According to the results of the most recent data available March 2022 from The Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) Point-in-Time Homeless Count (PIT Count), there are approximately 63,706 homeless in the county. Of those, 51,221 are individuals and 12,416 are families. District 8 of which the City is a part of had 4,560 homeless of which 3,678 are individuals and 874 are families. In addition, 3,512 are unsheltered and only 1,048 are sheltered. To address incidences of homelessness in Gardena and to prevent extremely low-income Gardena families from becoming homeless, the City places a high priority on programs that work to prevent homelessness or rapidly assist homeless individuals living in the community. To address this need, the City will support its Youth and Family Services Program that will support 2 households over the Consolidated Plan period utilizing its CDBG funds. The Youth and Family Services Program will assist in preventing these families from becoming homeless.

In addition, the City will be supporting the Los Angeles County CoC to prevent and eliminate homelessness including, but not limited to, emergency, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs. Through Measure H funds, the City will be collaborating with the County to address all facets of homeless assistance.

Analysis of available data and consultation with organizations providing services for special needs populations revealed a high need for a range of additional services including, but not limited to, those concerned with developmentally disabled adults. To address these needs, the City will support two activities that provide services to developmentally disabled adults. The Handy worker/ Residential Rebate Program will provide grants to complete necessary improvements to the dwelling to make the unit accessible.

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

Preventing and ending homelessness is a HUD priority addressed nationally through coordination of regional strategies carried out locally by government agencies and a wide variety of community-based organizations and faith-based groups. Consistent with this approach, the City of Gardena supports the efforts of The Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), County Continuum of Care (CoC), and its member organizations that address homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. In alignment with this strategy, the City will use non-HUD funds to support local service providers as well as City run programs to prevent homelessness and to expand the supply of affordable housing in Gardena for low- and moderate-income residents. Specifically, the City will fund its Youth, Senior and Family Services Program

that provide food, shelter vouchers and shelter referrals.

Homelessness is a regional crisis, and one of the top priorities of the Homeless Initiative is to continue strengthening the collaboration between the County and diverse stakeholders, including the 88 cities in this region. Cities have an important role and a unique perspective on the solutions to homelessness, and the County values each city's distinct resources, challenges, and perspectives.

In January 2020, L.A. County made an increased in investment in partnership with the cities by awarding \$3.8 million in Measure H funding to bolster the implementation of city-specific plans to combat and prevent homelessness. This funding award is a significant next step in strengthening the collaboration between the County and cities in the region, which are united in their commitment to address this complex humanitarian crisis.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The ultimate solution to ending homelessness is transitional to permanent housing closely aligned with supportive services that ensure housing stability can be maintained. However, because the demand for affordable housing far outpaces the region's supply, the CoC continues to rely on its emergency and transitional housing system to address the immediate needs of Los Angeles County's homeless population. To address this need, the City will support its Youth, Senior and Family Services Program that will support 2 households over the Consolidated Plan period utilizing its CDBG funds. The Youth, Senior and Family Services Program will assist in preventing these families from becoming homeless.

Los Angeles County has implemented policy and program changes aimed at ensuring homeless persons in Los Angeles County are rapidly housed and offered an appropriate level of support services to meet their circumstances and keep them stably housed. Between 2014 and 2021, a total of 10 shelter (e.g., emergency, transitional and seasonal/overflow) beds were removed from the Homeless Inventory Count (HIC). In contrast, 25 permanent supportive housing beds were added to the HIC.

This increase in permanent supportive housing for the most vulnerable populations is attributed to Los Angeles County homeless service providers re-tooling their programs and shifting their focus to moving people quickly into permanent supportive housing throughout the County. Homelessness can be significantly reduced and the quality of life of our residents, especially those precariously housed or homeless can be improved. 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

In support of CoC efforts, this Strategic Plan provides for the use of CDBG funds to support temporary rental assistance activities implemented by the City through its Youth, Senior and Family Services Program to help prevent and eliminate homelessness.

For the next five years, the new plan recommends the following strategies to reduce homelessness throughout the County:

- Know who is homeless and what they need Conduct a count of every person living on the streets, shelters, or other places not fit for human habitation to understand the scope of homelessness in each community.
- Create the housing and the services to help people thrive Create affordable housing units through acquisition or rehabilitation of existing buildings and provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing that are critical to housing retention.
- Shift to a Housing First System, a system through which homeless people are back in permanent housing in less than 30 days and there are few requirements for housing.

By fully investing in solutions that work and getting communities to get involved at every level (i.e., federal, state, and local, for profit organizations, non-provident organizations, and residents) the end of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County can be possible.

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.

An individual or family is considered at-risk of becoming homeless if it experiences extreme difficulty maintaining their housing and has no reasonable alternatives for obtaining subsequent housing. Homelessness often results from a complex set of circumstances that require people to choose between food, shelter, and other basic needs. Examples of common circumstances that can cause homelessness include eviction, loss of income, insufficient income, disability, increase in the cost of housing, discharge from an institution, irreparable damage, or deterioration to housing, and fleeing from family violence.

Discussion

With limited CDBG resources available, the City is investing CDBG funds through its Youth and Family Services program to prevent homelessness in Gardena.

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

Introduction:

A barrier to affordable housing is a public policy or nongovernmental condition that constrains the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing, such as land use controls, property taxes, state prevailing wage requirements, environmental protection, cost of land and availability of monetary resources. Barriers to affordable housing are distinguished from impediments to fair housing choice in the sense that barriers are lawful and impediments to fair housing choice are usually unlawful.

Based on information gathered during community meetings, the Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment Survey, the 2014-2021 Housing Element and market analysis, the primary barriers to affordable housing in Gardena are housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources necessary to develop and sustain affordable housing. The two barriers are related in the sense that demand for affordable housing exceeds the supply and insufficient resources are available to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet demand.

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

In the development of the 2014-2021 Housing Element, the City evaluated significant public policies affecting affordable housing development such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges and growth limitations. Based on this evaluation, the City determined that it has taken all necessary steps to ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that may have been a barrier to affordable housing. Moreover, the City is actively engaged with affordable housing developers concerning the siting of affordable housing and ensuring that the entitlement process runs smoothly from inception to completion.

Discussion:

To address housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources for affordable housing, the 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan calls for the investment of a significant portion of CDBG funds the rehabilitation and preservation of 150 existing affordable housing units over the next five years.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In the implementation of the Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG resources to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income people include lack of funding from federal, state, and other local sources, the high cost of housing that is not affordable to low-income people and the lack of availability of home improvement financing in the private lending industry. To address these obstacles, the City is investing CDBG funds through the Action Plan in projects that provide grants, rebates, and loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners for home improvements, programs that provide public services to low- and moderate-income people and those with special needs, and programs that prevent homelessness. To address underserved needs, the City is allocating 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG investments for program year to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In the implementation of the Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG funds to preserve and maintain affordable housing through the City of Gardena Residential Rehabilitation Handy worker/ Rebate Program in collaboration with its Code Enforcement activities in low and moderate-income areas. The Residential Rehabilitation Handy worker/ Rebate Program provides grants of between \$600 and \$3,000 to low- and moderate-income owners of single-family housing. The City will consider applying for State HOME funds in order to continue its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program that provides 0% loans to low-income owner-occupants.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) emphasizes prevention of childhood lead poisoning through housing-based approaches. To reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City of Gardena through its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Handyworker/Rebate Programs will conduct lead-based paint testing and risk assessments for each property assisted that was built prior to January 1, 1978 and will incorporate safe work practices or abatement into the scope of work as required to reduce lead-based paint hazards in accordance with 24 CFR Part 35.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The implementation of CDBG activities meeting the goals established in the 2021-2024 Consolidated Plan strategic Plan and this Annual Action Plan will help to reduce the number of poverty- level families by:

- Continuing to fund the Gardena Family Child Care Program (GFCC).
- Continuing to fund the Youth, Senior and Family Services Program.
- Supporting activities that expand the supply of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate- income

households.

- Supporting activities that preserve the supply of decent housing that is affordable to low- and moderateincome households.
- Supporting a continuum of housing programs to prevent and eliminate homelessness; and
- Supporting housing preservation programs that assure low-income households have a safe, decent, and appropriate place to live.

In addition to these local efforts, mainstream state and federal resources also contribute to reducing the number of individuals and families in poverty. Federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Head Start providing pathways out of poverty for families who are ready to pursue employment and educational opportunities. Additionally, in California, the primary programs that assist families in poverty are CalWORKS, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and Medi-Cal. Together; these programs provide individuals and families with employment assistance, subsidy for food, medical care, childcare and cash payments to meet basic needs such as housing, nutrition and transportation. Other services are available to assist persons suffering from substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The institutional delivery system in Gardena is high functioning and collaborative—particularly the relationship between local government and the nonprofit sector comprised of a network of capable non- profit organizations that are delivering a full range of services to residents. Strong City departments anchor the administration of HUD grant programs and the housing, community and economic development activities that are implemented by the City. To support and enhance this existing institutional structure, the City of Gardena will collaborate with affordable housing developers and nonprofit agencies receiving CDBG funds through the Annual Action Plan to ensure that the needs of low- and moderate-income residents are met as envisioned within the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan -Strategic Plan.

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

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the City will continue consulting with and inviting the participation of a wide variety of agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of housing and supportive services to low- and moderate-income residents in Gardena—particularly the CDBG low- and moderate-income areas.

Discussion:

In the implementation of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG resources to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

In the implementation of programs and activities under the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan, the City of Gardena will follow all HUD regulations concerning the use of program income, forms of investment, overall low- and moderate-income benefit for the CDBG program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit	
persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or	
three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds	
is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that	
include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

100% of all CDBG funds will utilized for low- and moderate-income activities. In addition, the City does not anticipate the receipt of program income during the fiscal year.

2022-2023 ACTION PLAN CITIZEN PARTICATION COMMENTS

NONE WERE RECEIVED.

Grantee Unique Appendices

2022-2023 ACTION PLAN PROOF OF PUBLICATIONS

CITY OF GARDENA COMBINED NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DRAFT FY 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gardena has prepared its One-Year Action Plan (2022-2023).

The publication of this notice is the beginning of the 30-day public review period required under Federal Regulation 24 CFR 91.105(b) (2). The public review and written comment period begin Thursday, August 4, 2022 and runs through Friday, September 2, 2022.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City of Gardena participates in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In order to participate, the City must approve an annual budget based on HUD's allocation of CDBG funds to the City each year.

For the flscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, the City of The City of Gardena anticipates receiving the following amounts for these programs:

CDBG	\$	601,759
Estimated CDBG Program Income	- (A-1)	\$0
TOTAL		\$601,759

Gardena proposes the utilization of CDBG funds to implement the programs listed below:

Community Development Block Grant PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Proposed Programs Administration Fair Housing/Public Services	Implementing Agency City of Gardena Fair Housing Foundation	Amount \$100,350 \$20,000
Code Enforcement Youth and Family Services Handyworker Program TOTAL	Clty of Gardena Clty of Gardena Clty of Gardena	\$230,000 \$90,260 \$161,149 \$601,759

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The draft Annual Action Plan (PY 2022-23), as required by HUD, will be available for public review from Thursday, August 4, 2022 and runs through Friday, September 2, 2022 (30-Day Public Review). During the public comment period, the draft documents are available for public inspection on the City's website at www.cityofgardena.org.

Comments will be accepted in person or in writing at the City Council meeting to be conducted on the date and time below. If you are unable to attend the City Council meeting, written comments can be submitted to Mary Simonell, Administrative Services, 1700 W. 162 nd Street, Gardena, CA 91048 on or before the end of the 30 day review period.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the One-Year Action Plan (2022-23) will be presented to the City Council for approval on the following date:

DATE:	Tuesday, August 9, 2022	
LOCATION:	City of Gardena, Council Chambers	
TIME:	7:30 PM	

At this meeting, the City Council will (1) receive public comment on the draft One-Year Action Plan (2022-23), and (2) approve the submission of the document to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing virtually to comment on the City's draft documents. Remote public participation is allowed in the following ways:

If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. VIEW THE MEETING live on SPECTRUM CHANNEL 22 or ONLINE at youtube.com/CityofGardena

2. PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at publiccomment@cityofgardena.org by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. Comments will be read into the record up to the time limit of three (3) minutes. 3. PARTICIPATE DURING THE MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

3. PARTICIPATE DURING THE MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR Join Zoom Meeting Via the Internet or Via Phone Conference (check Agenda for Zoom address and phone conference) ID.

If you wish to speak live on a specific agenda item during the meeting you, may use the "Raise your Hand" feature during the item you wish to speak on. For Non-Agenda Items, you would be allowed to speak during Oral Communications, and during a Public Hearing you

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would be allowed to speak when the Mayor opens the Public Hearing. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN THAT Copies of this document are available for review at on the City's website: cityofgardena.org. Copies may be provided upon request by contacting Mary Simonell at (310) 217-9655.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) : The City of Gardena, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend and/or participate in the City meeting due to disability, to please contact the City Clerk's Office by email bromero@cityofgardena. org least 6 hours prior to the scheduled special meeting to ensure assistance is provided. Assistive listening devices are available.

Important Disclaimer: When a participant calls in to join the meeting, their name and/or phone number will be visible to all participants. Note that all public meetings will be recorded.

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