

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be submitted by the City of Casa Grande as an entitlement community that directly receives HUD formula funds (CDBG). The AAP needs to be updated in an annual basis based on the 5-year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan). Beginning on July 1, 2016 is the second year of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan since becoming an entitlement community on July 1, 2015. The City developed the five (5) year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, of which the AAP is part of the document. The 2016 AAP outlines the activities that will be implemented during the program year (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017).

The 5-year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) is carried out through the Annual Action Plan, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

An activity that is not identified or a priority within the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, is a deviation of the approved plan, and will require a major amendment to the plan subject to HUD's approval.

The primary focus of the HUD CDBG program is on assisting low-income households. Throughout the 5-year ConPlan document, there are several references to various income levels: 1) extremely low-income households are those earning at or below thirty percent (30%) of the area median income; 2) very low-income households are those earning thirty-one percent (31%) to fifty percent (50%) of the area median income; and 3) low-income households are those earning fifty-one percent (51%) to eighty percent (80%) of the area median income. The 2015 household area median income for a family of four (4) is \$64,000. According to the American Community Survey (ACS, 2013), 43% of the households in Casa Grande are in the low income category of the City's Area Median Income (AMI). This demonstrates that almost 50% of the City's total number of households is in need of housing assistance to sustain and maintain their housing quality.

The AAP elaborates the priorities by which the City's CDBG will be invested over the program year. This AAP 2016 details the specific activities to be carried out in order to meet the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals.

The 2016 AAP is conducted following the Public Participation Plan. This year, the AAP began with two public hearings held on May 3 and 4, 2016. These hearings were conducted at two separate locations that were convenient for the low to moderate income population to attend. Needs that were identified, prioritized and approved by the City and HUD within the 5-year Consolidated Plan, were discussed. It is followed by a 30 day review process for the public to comment prior to the City Council's review and approval.

According to HUD, any activities implemented within this plan must meet one of HUD's three National Objectives to:

- 1) Mainly benefit low-and-moderate income persons;
- 2) Help in the prevention of slums and blight; and
- 3) Address urgent needs which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community.

The 5-year ConPlan identified the following high priorities during the public participation process:

- Public Facilities and Improvement
- Affordable Housing
- Neighborhood Revitalization and Redevelopment
- Planning and Capacity building
- Public Services
- Community/Supportive Housing Facilities

The City will continue to apply for additional funding to leverage the Entitlement funds such as the State Housing Funds HOME and Tribal Grants. Prior to becoming an Entitlement City, Casa Grande Housing Division has set up a Revolving Loan Fund with HUD and the AZ Department of Housing. Repayments of the revolving loan are considered "Program Income" (PI). After the City became an Entitlement Community, the Arizona Department of Housing has allowed the transfer of the existing Program

Income (PI) from the Revolving Loan funds collected from loan repayments of the Community Development Block Grant-Regional Accounts (CDBG-RA) to the City of Casa Grande with condition, that this PI will be used towards continuing the implementation of the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. Currently, the City is collecting an average monthly PI for about \$5,000 per month.

The program goals address the objectives of providing affordable housing, a suitable living environment, preventing homelessness, and providing needed services and programs. The City has identified a number of barriers to affordable housing including the high cost of housing (both rental and owner) relative to income and stringent mortgage criteria. One of the strategies addressing the barriers to affordable housing is to continue the provision of the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program serving the low and moderate income people in Casa Grande and preserving the affordable housing stock.

The City will develop a set of procedures this program year 2016 for potential sub-recipients to the CDBG program in the next program year 2017. This mechanism will follow HUD's requirements to monitor all of its federal activities, programs, and projects and to ensure long-term compliance with applicable program requirements and comprehensive planning. The goal of the monitoring procedures set forth by the City is to enhance performance of the federally funded activities in order to maximize the benefits to the City's low- and moderate-income community. Monitoring includes programs operated directly by the City and those carried out by any sub-recipients.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The program goals, as described in detail below, address the objectives of providing affordable housing, suitable living environment, preventing homelessness, and providing needed services and programs.

The objectives of this Plan based on the needs identified by the community are the following:

1. Provide decent housing

2. A better quality of life, and
3. Economic opportunity for low and moderate income residents of Casa Grande.

The City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan supports the main objectives of the HUD's CDBG program. The three (3) national objectives of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, include activities which:

- 1) Mainly benefit low-and-moderate income persons;
- 2) Aid in the prevention of blight and slums; and
- 3) Address urgent needs which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community.

The City of Casa Grande anticipates receiving \$318,914 from the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for program year 2016. Since the City is a new entitlement community, it will focus on familiar and existing activities/projects for the first 2 years until all appropriate operating systems are in place and functioning well. This was a strong recommendation by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a smoother transition from being a Sub recipient of the State Department of Housing (ADOH), to being a direct Grantee with the HUD. This will allow the City to become familiar with the Entitlement program, the regulations, and processes in the implementation, reporting, and fiscal management of the CDBG program using HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

The Road/Street/Right-of-Way improvements are a high priority because they are a means to improve the quality of life in the distressed neighborhoods and older areas that were built in the 30s and 40s. Some older neighborhoods have no connected sidewalks to provide a safer route for children to schools and other neighborhoods. Continuing this activity will gradually address this priority.

The City Casa Grande has a Policy and Procedures in place only for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, however, as a new entitlement community, the City needs to expand and develop an implementation and procedures to monitor all other potential federal activities, programs, and projects and to ensure long-term compliance with applicable program requirements and comprehensive planning. The goal of the monitoring procedures set forth by the City is to enhance performance of the federally funded activities in order to maximize the benefits to the City's low- and

moderate-income community. The Community Development Division will work to ensure that approved projects meet the purpose of the 5-year Consolidated Plan, and that available funds are distributed in a timely manner. Monitoring includes programs operated directly by the City and those carried out by any sub-recipients.

Although not in any particular order, several items were identified in the 5-year ConPlan as needs in the community such as the following:

- Housing (Rehab, overcrowding, unsafe, availability, and affordability)
- Road/street/right-of-way improvements
- Flood and Drainage
- Economic Development Services (Micro-enterprise)
- Acquisition, disposition, clearance, or demolition of real property
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Community Development Plans
- Emergency Assistance, Health Care, Senior Services, Child Care, Public Safety Services, Services for Homeless persons
- Community Facilities, Parks, Playgrounds, Food Bank,
- Public Services

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Casa Grande made progress on its priority needs and objectives in program year 2015 (2015-2016), even if the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 has not yet ended at the time of preparing this Annual Action Plan. The City's Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program had a target of 12 households within 2015-2016. The City allocated \$192,000 for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, \$92,000 for ROW improvement for sidewalk at W 1st Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets, and \$70,700 for program administration and planning. At the time of writing this AAP, the City has assisted 16 homeowners, with two (2) housing units just started construction for replacements. Construction period of these two replacements will extend towards August 2016; however, payment of construction work will still be from 2015 allocation for these projects. Once the two replacements are completed in August 2016; the City will show an accomplishment of 18 total housing units (50% more) under the Program Year 2015, exceeding its OHR target of 12 housing units.

All 18 housing units of the 2015-2016 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) program were funded through various funding sources as follows: HUD CDBG Entitlement (\$192,000), State Housing Funds HOME (250,000), and GRIC Tribal grant (\$38,000).

The other project funded by CDBG Entitlement under program year 2015 is the W 1st Street Right of Way Improvements- Sidewalks between Sacaton and Florence Streets. Council approved the contract for construction of this project for \$248,999. This project will be paid through CDBG program years 2015 (\$92,000) and 2016 (\$156,999).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City conducted two (2) public hearings to encourage citizen participation on the development of the Annual Action Plan. These public hearings were published at the local newspaper, Casa Grande Dispatch. The City also invited the public and service providers, and other entities to solicit opinions on the types of activities that are priorities in the Consolidated Plan which are eligible for funding via e-mails. The meetings were held at the following: 1) Len Colla Recreation Center, 1105 E 4th Street, Casa Grande, AZ, May 3, 2016, 5:30 p.m., 2) Seeds of Hope Community Center, 1491 N Crane St., Casa Grande, AZ, May 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. before the draft AAP will be presented to Council in June. Notices of the public hearing were posted on the City's Website and the local newspaper at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

The public hearings focused on housing, infrastructure services, community development, and public services needs throughout the City. Suggested needs are included in this Annual Action Plan.

A draft of the Annual Action Plan will be made available to the public for a 30 day comment period beginning in May 30, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016. A notice for public hearing of the City Council meeting on July 18th will be posted on the local newspaper at least 15 days prior to the adoption of the AAP.

5. Summary of public comments

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

The City of Casa Grande conducted two public hearings and obtained the following comments that are reiteration of the highest needs in the community:

- Public services (senior adults, homeless, Boys and Girls Club, etc.);
- Economic development enhancement in the downtown area;
- Rehabilitation of older downtown structures used for businesses;
- Continue funding the 1st Street ROW Improvement;
- Continue providing the OOH to help preserve affordable housing stock;
- Need for more jobs; and
- Lacking public transportation system.

Although not in any particular order, several items were identified as highest needs in the community on the 5-Year Consolidated Plan such as the following:

- Overcrowded housing conditions
- Unsafe neighborhood conditions
- Availability of affordable housing
- Homeownership assistance
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
- Road/street/right-of-way improvements;
- Flood and Drainage
- Economic Development Services
- Micro-enterprise assistance
- Acquisition, disposition, clearance, or demolition of real property
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Community Development Plans
- Emergency Assistance, Health Care, Senior Services, Child Care, Public Safety Services, Services for Homeless persons
- Community Facilities, Parks, Playgrounds, Food Bank,
- Public Services

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

All comments were considered at the meeting.

7. Summary

The following is a summary of the objectives of this plan based on the needs identified by the community and the 5-Year Consolidated Plan:

- 1) Preserve the affordable housing stock;
- 2) Revitalize older neighborhoods;
- 3) Address flooding and drainage issues in older neighborhoods;
- 4) Provide public infrastructure and facilities;
- 5) Public Services for Low to Moderate Income;
- 6) Safer neighborhood;
- 7) Prevent blight and slums;
- 8) Further fair housing and address impediments;
- 9) Address homelessness;
- 10) Improve the economic environment; and
- 11) Build local capacity.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	City of Casa Grande	Planning and Development Department/ Community Development Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Casa Grande is responsible in preparing the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and overseeing the preparation and administration of the Annual Action Plan.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Casa Grande has an approved Public Participation Plan and is actively seeking involvement of the public, stakeholders, and other entities providing services for the low-to-moderate income persons during the planning process, until the adoption of the plan.

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))

Coordination and collaboration with public housing providers, private and governmental health, mental and service agencies are achieved through the City’s attendance at regular meetings held for the Continuum of Care; participation with the Point in Time counting with other agencies to get a meaningful count of the homeless population in the City; and attending the regular meeting of housing providers for Pinal County spearheaded by the Pinal County Housing Authority.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City is enhancing its collaboration with various agencies involved on the Continuum of Care (CoC). Regular meetings are well attended by various agencies involved that are receiving federal funds to assist families, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons at risk of homelessness.

This program year 2016-2017, according to ADOH, many projects in the State of Arizona under the Balance of the State Continuum of Care (BOSCO) did not get funded by HUD. One of the projects administered by the Community Action and Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) who gets the federal funds is the Dreamcatcher Rapid Re-Housing (RRH). This Dreamcatcher RRH project by CAHRA offers assistance to families who are experiencing homelessness did not get funded this program year.

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

The City of Casa Grande attends meetings with the CoC and continues its collaboration with other agencies involved.

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.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Pinal County Council for Seniors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Planning organization

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Pinal-Gila County Council for Seniors was consulted for the senior and elderly needs. The outcome of the consultation was identifying the elderly population's needs and to incorporate and prioritize the elderly in the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Other agencies are keeping their eyes open on any other programs that can be introduced to the elderly population to keep their active, protected from scams, and preventing depression in some cases. Pinal County was consulted regarding public housing, homelessness, market analysis; homeless veterans, vouchers, and owner occupied housing rehabilitation. Stakeholders were sent letters of invitation to attend the focus group meetings. E-mails were also sent out to stakeholders. Notices of public hearings and meetings were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and public bulletins. Series of discussion needs identification, and prioritization occurred in various stages of the process.</p>

2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Casa Grande
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Other government - Local Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Police, Fire, Community Services, Planning, Public Works Departments Grantee Department Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	All departments of the City were consulted specially the following: 1. Police Department - Homeless persons, neighborhood preservation, Crime and prevention, safety, against abuse, and overall needs of the community. 2. Fire Department - fire and safety issues of the community, equipment needs, safety education, emergency responses, etc. 3. Community Services Department - parks and recreation of the neighborhoods, meals on wheels, senior center and programs, and community needs. 4. Public Works Department - infrastructure and services needs of the community. Stakeholders were sent letters of invitation to attend the focus group meetings. E-mails were also sent out to stakeholders. Notices of public hearings and meetings were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and public bulletins. Series of discussion needs identification, and prioritization occurred in various stages of the process.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	CAHRA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CAHRA provided data in HOMELESSNESS. The City coordinates with CAHRA in the weatherization program and the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. The result of consultation is improved coordination and collaboration with the agency. Stakeholders were sent letters of invitation to attend the focus group meetings. E-mails were also sent out to stakeholders. Notices of public hearings and meetings were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and public bulletins. Series of discussions needs identification, and prioritization occurred in various stages of the process.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Fair Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat for Humanity was consulted for housing needs and as a non-profit organization. Invited to the focus group meetings. Stakeholders were sent letters of invitation to attend the focus group meetings. E-mails were also sent out to stakeholders. Notices of public hearings and meetings were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and public bulletins. Series of discussions needs identification, and prioritization occurred in various stages of the process.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	COUNTY OF PINAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Other government - County Planning organization Public Health Services Major Employer

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	All stakeholders were sent letters of invitation to attend the focus group meetings. E-mails were also sent out to stakeholders. Notices of public hearings and meetings were published in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and public bulletins. Series of discussions needs identification, and prioritization occurred in various stages of the process.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern Arizona Legal Aide
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Fair Housing

	<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Southern Arizona Legal Aide was consulted for the number of fair housing incidents in Casa Grande. Due to privacy law, general verbal information was provided that majority of the complaints were related to discrimination due to the person's disability, and one was due to race. As a result of the consultation, it was determined that improved coordination and active participation of the Fair Housing training will be advocated.</p>
7	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Pinal Hispanic Council</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Neighborhood Organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Behavioral Health/Veterans</p>
	<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Pinal Hispanic Council was consulted on education and behavioral health. PHC develops and implements a comprehensive continuum of care for behavioral health services. Pinal Hispanic Council is currently providing outpatient services to children, youth, adults, and families who are experiencing issues relating to mental health, domestic violence, child abuse, and relation-ships. The agency also provides education, information, referral and advocacy services. Outcome of the consultation was for enhanced collaboration and coordination with the agency.</p>

8	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Arizona College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Planning organization Business Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis Higher Education needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CAC was consulted on higher education needs and job training and development. The outcome of the consultation is the awareness for coordination to provide educational program to prepare the students for future jobs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Pinal County Federal Credit Union
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Financial Institution Community Development Financial Institution Major Employer Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Businesses were consulted and created an understanding that coordination and collaboration among entities are important aspect in providing services to community. Pinal County Federal Credit Union represented the financial institutions of the community, although some banking institutions were invited, they were not able to send representation to the focus group.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Seeds of Hope
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care after school care Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy community development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Seeds of Hope were consulted as a non-profit organization providing health care services, after school care, counseling, homeless services, etc. Outcome of the consultation is improved coordination with the organization.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Banner Casa Grande Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Health Agency Civic Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development health care needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Banner was invited to the needs assessment and prioritization. No one attended from the agency.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Access Arizona
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization Business Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis job creation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Access Arizona was consulted to determine community needs. Collaboration with the agency is vital in the economic development of the community.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	R.E.A. Construction Co. Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing Business Leaders local contractor Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	R.E.A. Construction was consulted during the needs assessment and prioritization of projects. This entity is a local contractor who rehabilitates houses and commercial buildings. The outcome of the consultation is the realization and awareness of the needs of the community and the limited funding sources to address these needs.

14	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Arizona Government
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CAG is consulted as a regional unit of government. In particular, CAG provides technical assistance to communities within the Gila and Pinal Counties.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Casa Grande Main Street
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit organization for downtown revitalization and historic preservation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Historic Preservation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Casa Grande Main Street is a non-profit organization responsible for the revitalization of the downtown area.

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

The City of Casa Grande, through consultation with other departments, organizations, and agencies is confident that all agency types have been given the opportunity to assist with determination of needs for the City.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
City of Casa Grande General Plan 2020	City of Casa Grande	It reinforced each other.
Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan	Arizona Department of Housing	It reinforced each other.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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 Notices to local newspaper	Citizens of the City	9 persons attended	See attached minutes	NA	
2	E-mails	Service providers and Stakeholders	9 persons attended	See attached minutes	NA	
3	City Website	Citizens of the City	None received	None received	NA	http://casagrandeaz.gov/residents/notices/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City will use the program resources covered by this Annual Action Plan including CDBG, HOME, Tribal Grants, and Program Income from Revolving Loan Funds in the following manner:

CDBG Program Year 2016 = \$318,914 (Letter received from HUD dated February 2016)

SHF HOME (tentative) = \$385,000 (Tentative for OOHR)

Tribal Grant (tentative) = \$ 45,000 (Tentative for OOHR)

Revolving Loan Funds /Program Income (PI) = \$ 50,000 (for OOHR)

Anticipated Resources:

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public - federal	Housing Admin and Planning Public Improvements Public Services	318,914	50,000		392,914	1,106,742	HUD – CDBG Entitlement

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
State Housing Fund HOME	Public-state	Housing Admin and Planning	385,000	0	0	385,000	1,155,000	State of AZ HOME
Tribal Grant	Tribal Nation	Housing	45,000	0	0	45,000	135,000	Tribal Grant

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

Matching requirements will be met. Federal funds will be leveraged with State Housing Funds HOME, Tribal Grants and other funding sources. The City contributes by providing the office space, phones, computers, and other amenities to implement the program at no cost to the program. In addition, the program is managed by the Community Development Manager who is fully funded by the City. The City also provides 50% of staff time (Building Inspector) to assist in the housing program as a Housing Rehab Specialist.

The cost of planning and design work for the ROW Improvement project on W. 1st Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets was funded by the City. The CDBG funds will only pay for the actual construction cost of the project, currently at \$248,999 to be completed within 90 calendar days. As construction of the ROW Improvement project progresses, the City will pay for the percentage of accomplishment until the project is completed. CDBG funds will reimburse the City for 2 program years. The allocated \$92,000 for the initial program year 2015, and the remaining balance of \$156,999 will be paid off in 2016.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The City of Casa Grande is being allocated approximately \$318,914 for this CDBG program year 2016 per the letter received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, dated February 16, 2016. The City also has applied for a Tribal Grant in the amount of \$45,000, which will be used solely for the construction or rehabilitation of houses (no admin cost allowed).

The City received a notice of funding availability (NOFA) from ADOH for the State Housing Fund HOME 2016-2017 for approximately \$385,000. The City will be submitting an application for this NOFA and competes against other agencies. CDBG funds are leveraged with State funds, Tribal grants and other sources. The City will also apply the Program Income from the CDBG OOHR Revolving Loan Funds (approximately \$50,000) towards the continuation of the Revolving loans for recipients of the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program.

The Right of Way Improvement project which was initially allocated \$92,000 in 2015 will continue to be funded this program year 2016 to pay off the balance of \$156,999. The total amount of the construction cost is approximately \$248,999. This cost is the lowest bid submitted by a contractor on a sealed bid procurement process, done by the Public Works Department.

20% of the CDBG funds will be for program management and delivery (Planning and Administration cost) for approximately \$63,500.

The program goals address the objectives of providing affordable housing, a suitable living environment, preventing homelessness, furthering fair housing and providing needed services and programs. The City has identified a number of barriers to affordable housing including the high

cost of housing (both rental and owner) relative to income and stringent mortgage criteria. One of the strategies addressing the barriers to affordable housing is to continue the provision of the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program serving the low and moderate income people in Casa Grande and preserving the affordable housing stock.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c) (3) & (e)

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve the quality of affordable housing stock	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Casa Grande city limits;	Rehabilitation Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation; Accessibility for Disabled Persons; Weatherization	CDBG: <u>\$98,415</u> HOME: \$385,000 (tentative) Tribal Grants: \$45,000 (Tentative) Program Income: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Units; benefiting 30 persons
2	Provide public infrastructure and facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Casa Grande city limits	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: <u>\$156,999</u>	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 persons

3	Building Local Capacity	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Casa Grande city limits	Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements Non Housing activities Further Fair housing	CDBG: \$63,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing unit Other: 1 other
4	Further Fair Housing and Address Impediments	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Casa Grande city limits	Rental Housing Development and Rehabilitation Further Fair Housing	CDBG: \$0	Other: 20 Other

The Plan's objective is based on HUD's national objectives. The needs identified by the community are the following:

- 1) Preserve the affordable housing stock;
- 2) Revitalize older neighborhoods;
- 3) Address flooding and drainage issues in older neighborhoods;
- 4) Provide public infrastructure and facilities;
- 5) Public Services for Low to Moderate Income;
- 6) Safer neighborhoods;
- 7) Prevent blight and slums;

- 8) Further fair housing and address impediments;
- 9) Address homelessness;
- 10) Improve the economic environment; and
- 11) Build local capacity.

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve Affordable Housing Stock	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Neighborhood Revitalization Target Areas Low to Mod Income Area	Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Accessibility for Disabled Persons	CDBG: 98,415	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Units
2	Provide Public Infrastructure and Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development Accessibility improvement	Target Areas	Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG: \$156,999	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted. Repayment to the City of \$248,999 for 2 years (2015-2016)

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Building Local Capacity	2015	2019	Planning and Administration Affordable housing Public infrastructure and Improvements	Neighborhood Revitalization Target Areas Low to Mod Income Area	Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements Planning and Administration Further Fair Housing	CDBG: \$63,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Other: 1 Other
4	Further Fair Housing	2015	2019	Affordable housing	City limits	Reduce discrimination of target population. Fair housing to low and moderate income persons	CDBG: \$0	Awareness of fair housing. Other: 20 other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve Affordable Housing Stock
	Goal Description	Casa Grande will focus its program to continue preserving the housing stock in the low income neighborhoods by improving its quality through rehabilitation of existing single family housing units.
2	Goal Name	Provide Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Goal Description	Assist the City with providing and upgrading public facilities that benefit the low and moderate income population, by continuing to fund the Infrastructure and ROW Improvements on W 1st Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets in Casa Grande.
3	Goal Name	Building local capacity
	Goal Description	The 2016 plan is to continue building the capacity of Casa Grande’s Community Development division to allow for the implementation of projects and programs that benefit the low income populations. To put in place policies and procedures for sub-recipients for the next program year. 20% of the program year fund will be used for Planning and Administration which includes the preparation of this Annual Action Plan and other reports required by HUD.
4	Goal Name	Further Fair Housing
	Goal Description	This goal is to further fair housing in the community and address the impediments that may be hindering housing choice for the protected classes.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

Approximately three (3) families who are low-moderate income will receive assistance through the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation to help preserve the affordable housing stock of the city.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Development of the 2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is through public participation process. Two public meetings followed by a 30 day review process were held to gather inputs from service providers and members of the public prior to taking the AAP to City Council for approval. The needs have been identified during the 5-Year Consolidated Planning process. Staff will develop procedures and policies to implement the CDBG program for other activities identified in the goals to be ready for the next program year 2017. Staff recommends the following projects to be funded this program year 2016.

#	Project Name
1	W. 1 st Street ROW Improvements – Sidewalk between Sacaton and Florence Streets
2	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
3	Planning and Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

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

The reason for these allocation priorities is to continue the initial priorities identified during the public participation process and voted on by Council. The City is new to the Entitlement program therefore, implementing familiar projects makes it a little easier to manage the program while staff is learning and getting familiar with a totally new system of reporting, managing financial system, allocation and drawdown of funding through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). Until such time that mechanisms are in place, the Staff recommends the City will limit its priorities to the OOHR and Public Improvement programs.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	W 1 st Street ROW Improvements – Sidewalk between Sacaton and Florence Streets
	Target Area	Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure and ROW Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$156,999
	Description	The Public Works Department take the lead with Infrastructure and ROW improvements such as drainage issues, curbing, sidewalks, and gutters in the older part of the City. This project will benefit the Arizona Foundation of Handicapped (about 100 persons) by improving the existing sidewalks to be ADA complaint, and curb and driveway entrances to meet standards. Funding will be both by CDBG and the City.
	Target Date	7/1/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 100 individuals will benefit from this project plus the general public who will use the sidewalk.
	Location Description	W 1st Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets in Casa Grande, Arizona
	Planned Activities	Repair of the W 1 st Street - sidewalks.
2	Project Name	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Neighborhood Revitalization Target Areas Low to Mod Income Area
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$98,415

	Description	Rehabilitation of owner occupied housing units, addressing health and safety issues of homeowners who are income qualified. Repairs are but not limited to: heating and cooling system; electrical and plumbing system; weatherization of homes; provision of ADA improvements; provision of energy efficient windows, doors; repair of the roofing; installation of energy star appliances.
	Target Date	7/1/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of three (3) families per year who are low to moderate income will benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	Within the corporate limits of the City of Casa Grande.
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities will address health and safety issues and meeting applicable building and zoning codes to include but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rehabilitation of owner occupied housing units. -Inspection of the unit and cost estimating of the rehab to be done. -Weatherization if applicable. -Use of energy saving stars appliances and fixtures. -Provision of heating and cooling systems. -Replacement of windows to be low E. -Lead Based Paint abatement if applicable. -Repair of roofing, ceiling if leaking. -Plumbing and Electrical system upgrade or repair. -Foundation repair if needed. -Termite infestation test and abatement.
3	Project Name	Planning and Administration (20% of the total allocation)= \$63,500
4	Project Name	Fair Housing = \$0

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

The target areas in the City are those that have the highest levels of poverty and greatest need to improve affordable housing stock, and infrastructure improvements and services.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Neighborhood Revitalization	
Target Areas	
Low to Mod Income Area	100

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The needs in these target areas are numerous and varied. This year is to continue the following activities initiated in 2015 to address community needs and priorities. This will allow the City to establish guidelines and procedures for potential sub-recipients for the coming program year. This program year's priorities are:

1. Road/Street/right-of-way improvements/revitalize and connect neighborhoods,
2. Housing (rehabilitation for owner-occupied housing units, overcrowding, unsafe, availability, and affordability).

Discussion

The Community's needs were identified and prioritized during the public participation process. The needs are great; however there is not enough funding available to address all these needs.

Funding distribution is based on meeting one of the national objectives of the CDBG program.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City will continue to implement the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program (OOHR) to provide affordable housing. This program provides assistance to the low and moderate income households with their housing needs. Housing rehabilitation will include but is not limited to the following activities:

- electrical and plumbing
- provision of handicap access to the house and bathroom
- weatherization
- provision of energy stars appliances
- repair of leaking roofing
- repairs of leaking or old sewer lines and water lines
- provision of heating and cooling system
- lead based paint abatement
- asbestos abatement if needed
- provision of Low-E windows

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	4
Total	0

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	3

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City will target at least three (3) households to be assisted in 2016.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public Housing is an important aspect of affordable housing in the City. Public Housing is administered by the Pinal County Housing Authority. There are 203 families in the City utilizing the Section 8 program. Section has a total of 730 families on the waiting list throughout Pinal County at the extremely low income level, and 72 at the very low income level. There are 24 public housing authority units located in the City of Casa Grande city limits.

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

Action planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing is mainly collaboration with the Pinal County Housing Authority who has the jurisdiction over public housing program.

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

NA.

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

If the PHA is designated as troubled, there will be no extra financial assistance coming from the CDBG Entitlement program as funding is limited.

Discussion

Close collaboration with the Pinal County Housing Authority will be done by the City to continue getting a sense of the needs for public housing. The increasing number of elderly and younger disabled persons creates additional need for accessible units.

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

Introduction

The one-year goal of the jurisdiction is to collaborate and work with various agencies in Casa Grande that actively provide services for the homeless. The City participated in the Point in Time count to determine the number of homeless persons in the City. Per report received from the Arizona Department of Housing, 52 homeless persons were counted in February 2016 within the City of Casa Grande, excluding the ones who were already receiving assistance from CAHRA and other agencies.

Jurisdiction will help direct homeless unsheltered persons to any resources in the community by referrals.

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

Staff participated in the Point in Time count to help get the total homeless count in the City for 2015 reporting period. 52 homeless persons were counted for the City of Casa Grande.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Due to limited funding from the CDBG Entitlement, the City can only continue collaborating with other agencies who are handling the homeless and transitional housing needs program in the City.

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

Due to limited funding from the CDBG Entitlement, the City can only continue collaborating with other agencies who are handling the homeless and transitional housing needs program in the City. Staff can direct the homeless person or refer to these agencies.

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.

City will continue providing referrals to low income individuals and families to avoid becoming homeless.

Discussion

The City's first three program years will focus on familiar programs such as the OOHR and Public Improvements services until such time that all mechanisms to smoothly implement the CDBG Entitlement program are in place. There are local non-profit agencies that are already handling homeless programs such as CAHRA, and the National Community Health Partners (NCHP). NCHP provides services to veteran specially the homeless. The City will continue collaboration with these agencies.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total = 0

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

Introduction

Casa Grande promotes fair housing choices for all persons, including protected classes, as well as providing opportunities for racially and ethnically inclusive patterns of housing occupancy, identifying structural and systemic barriers to fair housing choice, and promotes housing that is physically accessible and usable by persons with disabilities.

Please refer to the City of Casa Grande 2015-2019 Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing at

<http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/files/2013/06/CG-AI-Final.pdf>

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

- Participate in and work with the Planning and Development Department when updating the zoning code in order to bring consciousness on the effect of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

-Suggests the development of policies and regulations that encourage the provisions of affordable housing.

Discussion

The City of Casa Grande will continue to partner with Pinal Housing Authority and the Southwest Fair Housing Training Center in Tucson, to facilitate the yearly training of fair housing, to be effective in fair housing referrals by detecting any impacts of the protected classes, and encourage reporting to proper agencies.

Staff will collaborate with the Planning and Development Department during the update of the zoning codes to ensure that there is no negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

The City will provide information from ADOH on the foreclosure assistance program to clients who might be in danger of losing their homes.

In compliance with the program, the City will at a minimum: 1) maintain a Fair Housing Poster inside the Office of the Community Development Division of the City that is readily visible by the public; 2) declare each year in April, as a National Fair Housing Month through a Proclamation by the City Mayor or Resolution; 3) communicate or educate the public when possible who are seeking information on fair

housing.

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City will continue to investigate and develop programs to deal with other aspects of needed CDBG activities. The limited amount of funds available to meet the needs of Casa Grande is the most significant barrier.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue the implementation of the OOHR program to meet underserved needs of the community and to continue the ROW Improvement projects, particularly looking at sidewalk connectivity within older neighborhoods. The City will put together policies and procedures to fund sub-recipients for public services for the low to moderate income population.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Continue to convince the City Council on the relevance of CDBG funds to help preserve affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Families who are recipients of the OOHR program are provided Lead-Based Paint (LBP) brochures, particularly the families with children.

Homes built in or before 1978 are tested for the presence of LBP. If the unit is tested positive, LBP remediation is conducted and a retesting is done to make sure that the housing unit is free from lead-based paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The ideal action needed to reduce the number of poverty-level families is by providing jobs to these families. But due to limited funding, job creation is not feasible at this program year.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

NA

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

Casa Grande will continue its participation and coordination with other agencies, private and non-profit

sector, to serve the needs of low-income individuals and families. Casa Grande participates in the following:

- 1) Annual Housing Forum sponsored by the State of Arizona Housing Department
- 2) Annual Housing Roundup sponsored by CAHRA.
- 3) Continuum of Care monthly meeting
- 4) Housing providers of Pinal County monthly

Discussion

The next potential action in the near future is seeking partnerships and creating relationships with other agencies in creating jobs through a new economic development program.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

OOHR will assist about three (3) households for 2016, and approximately 45 housing units to be assisted for the period of 2015-2019 of the Consolidated Plan.

The ongoing W. 1st Street ROW – Sidewalk improvements between Sacaton and Florence Streets project will continue until completed in September 2016. CDBG funds will pay back the City the amount of \$92,000 for program year 2015. The balance of the project cost \$156,999 will be paid off this program year 2016.

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	50,000
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:	50,000

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%

Discussion

It is anticipated that an overall minimum benefit of 70% of CDBG funds will benefit persons or families of low to moderate income.

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