

CITY OF MERCED 2019 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

City of Merced Housing Division



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This copy includes Substantial Amendment #1 and #2 to allocate Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds allocated to the City of Merced in Program Year 2019 to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Substantial Amendments:

Amendment #1 approved by City Council on May 18, 2020, to add First Round CDBG CARES Act funds to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan, and to redirect 2019 CDBG Program Income towards COVID-19 related activities.

Amendment #2 approved by City Council on February 16, 2021, to add Third Round CDBG CARES Act funds to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan, and to allocate them to three existing Coronavirus activities.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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

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

Table 1
Program Funding for FY 2019-20

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

Anticipated Program Allocation and Revenues

CARES Act Substantial Amendment #1 - CDBG-CV and CDBG Activity and Project Funding Description:

Following HUD's announcement of the availability of CARES Act funding allocations on April 1, 2020, CDBG-CV CARES Act-funded projects intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus were amended to this 2019 Annual Plan by Substantial Amendment approved by the Merced City Council on May 18, 2020.

The May 18, 2020, Substantial Amendment established the following changes and additions to the existing 2019 Annual Action Plan:

- Reallocated \$4,920 of existing 2019 CDBG funds from Project #15 (below) "PS - First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council" to CDBG Public Service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Reallocated \$81,565 of existing 2019 CDBG funds from Project #7 (below) "REP - HUD 108 Loan Payment -19F" to CDBG Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Allocated \$500,000 of new CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to CDBG-CV Economic Development activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Allocated \$161,246 of new CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to CDBG-CV Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Reallocated \$38,754 of unexpected CDBG program income that was received during the 2019 Program Year to CDBG Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Changed the funding source of "PS - Fair Housing Services - Project Sentinel - 05J/LMC" from CDBG Public Services/Fair Housing Activities to HOME Administrative activities. The change in funding source was mainly for budgeting purposes, intended to free up CDBG funds for use towards Public Service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus, as well as for end-of-year balancing.

At the June 1, 2020, City Council meeting, after review and screening of the CDBG-CV/CDBG project funding applications received from non-profit organizations, the Merced City Council approved the following four projects for activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus:

1. United Way of Merced County - Workplace Stabilization Program; Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Economic Development activities in the amount of \$500,000.
2. Merced County Food Bank - COVID-19 Nutrition Program; Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Public Services activities in the amount of \$100,000.
3. Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project - COVID Emergency Assistance Program; Expected resources: CDBG-CV/Public Services for \$61,246 and CDBG/Public Services for \$38,754 (total of \$100,000 for project).
4. Salvation Army - Salvation Army Merced Social Services; Expected resource: CDBG/Public Services in the amount of \$86,485.

Substantial Amendment #1 - First Round CARES Act Funds - Summary

CARES Act Substantial Amendment #2 - CDBG-CV Activity and Project Funding Description:

Following HUD's announcement of the availability of the Third Round CARES Act funding allocations on September 11, 2020, additional CDBG-CV CARES Act funds for projects intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus were amended to this 2019 Annual Plan by Substantial Amendment #2 approved by the Merced City Council on February 16, 2021.

The February 16, 2021, Substantial Amendment established the following changes and additions to the existing 2019 Annual Action Plan:

- Allocated \$532,327 of Third Round CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

Public Outreach/Public Review and Comment:

- A public meeting was held on December 21, 2020, to inform the public and City Council of the new Third Round CARES Act allocation and to ask for Council's permission to proceed with the required public participation process for a second substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Though it was not a public hearing, Council accepted one public comment from Sheng Xiong/Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability requesting staff reach out to churches and people of color to inform them of the existing assistance available to them.
- A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced) on 1/28/2021, notifying the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed Third Round CARES Act substantial amendment and to request any new community needs that have risen since the last needs assessment was performed for First Round funding. The Notice published the date, place, and time of the City Council meeting to adopt these items, process for public comment, and that a draft copy of the Substantial Amendment was available for public viewing during an eight-day comment period. A summary of proposed use of funds was posted to the City's website.
- No comments were received during the eight-day comment period held from 8am, Tuesday, February 9, to 5pm, Tuesday, February 16, 2020.
- A public hearing was held on 2/16/2021 to accept public comment and to approve the Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan. There were no public comments at the meeting. As no new needs were brought forth from the community, Council's action on 2/16/2021 to approve the substantial amendment allocated Third Round funding towards the existing Public Service programs for rental and food bank assistance.

At the February 16, 2021, City Council meeting, the Merced City Council approved the allocation of the new Third Round CDBG-CV funds towards three existing Coronavirus programs for activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus as follows:

1. Merced County Food Bank - COVID-19 Nutrition Program; Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Public Services activities in the amount of \$100,000.
2. Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project - COVID Emergency Assistance Program; Expected resources: CDBG-CV/Public Services for \$216,164.
3. Salvation Army - Salvation Army Merced Social Services; Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Public Services in the amount of \$216,163.

Substantial Amendment #2 - Third Round CARES Act Funds - Summary

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

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

- Extremely low-income and very low-income households
- Seniors;
- Youth, primarily ages 6 – 17;
- Persons with disabilities;
- Foster youth;
- Public facilities (either new or upgrades/expansions to existing facilities), including community centers, youth facilities, community gardens, and one-stop service centers;
- Affordable housing programs for new housing construction, the preservation and rehabilitation of existing rental housing, emergency housing repairs, down payment assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance;
- Crime prevention activities to provide resources to support law enforcement and crime prevention programming in designated neighborhoods;
- Public improvements, especially those focused on increasing accessibility, such as ADA curbs, ramps and sidewalk infill, and storm drainage and flooding improvements;
- Public services for a wide range of populations, including seniors, youth, disabled persons, homeless households, foster youth, displaced workers, and households with fair housing issues;
- Employment development services to provide training and support job creation.

Through the full five-year term of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Merced anticipates funding a variety of projects related to these needs. While the Housing Division would like to fund all of these programs and projects, the reality is that the necessary funding needed will need to be secured from a variety of resources and partnerships. Given the City's relatively small CDBG and HOME allocations, funds for affordable housing or other large capital improvement projects will need to come from other sources,

such as the reprogrammed program income generated from the CalHome First Time Homebuyer Program, the State of California's 2017 Housing Package, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and possibly other Federal Grants.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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

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

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

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

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

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

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

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

Table 2
Program Activities for FY 2019-20

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

Current Projects and Activities

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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

These meetings serve several purposes:

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

Additionally, the Housing Division staff works with various City Departments to ensure that capital improvement projects are on schedule and will be completed within a timely manner. The Housing Program Supervisor also participates in the Merced Continuum of Care, participates in the yearly homeless street count, and serves on the City of Merced ADA Committee/Citizen Advisory Panel. Finally, the Housing Program Supervisor ensures the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is implemented in the community through our partnership with Project Sentinel.

Table 3
Program Activities for FY 2019-20

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

Proposed Projects and Activities

5. Summary of public comments

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

To broaden the extent of communication between the City of Merced, its public citizens, and its public agencies, the Housing Division has sponsored or participated in six separate functions over the year.

Housing Division staff has participated in informing the citizens of Merced and taking note of expressed community needs by attending the three City of Merced Town Hall meetings. In addition, three HUD Annual Plan meetings were held to inform citizens and non-profit organizations of the community assistance funding process for FY 2019-20.

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

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

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

Presentation delivered by Mark Hamilton, Housing Program Supervisor

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

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

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

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

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

Community Input Notes, Page #2

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

Community Input Notes, Page #3

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

Community Input Notes, Page #4

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

Notes:

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

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

Notes:

- After short discussions regarding site selection transparency for acquisition programs, funding priorities and amounts for Public Service programs, and the need for funding participation in the Continuum of Care program, the City Council adopted the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan.
- Other discussions involved how to fairly fund all of the non-profit community organizations that have requested funding. A Merced Rescue Mission representative was at the meeting and stated that their Rental Deposits program has other available funding they can use for their clients' needs, so they withdrew their application. This enabled the City Council to award additional funding to Lifeline Community Development Corporation's "Empowered Loughborough Community" start-up program than originally anticipated. This program expects to be able to assist up to 90 households and individuals.
- Speakers from the public included Habitat for Humanity of Stanislaus County, in attendance with the homeowner they are expecting to be able to assist with a rehabilitation project during the 2019-20 cycle, and Monika Grasley, the Executive Director for Lifeline Community Development Corporation.

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

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

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

Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

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

Public Input:

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

Comments:

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

1. Transitional Housing
2. Respite Care Facility
3. Job Training/Life Skills

4. Youth Services
5. Veterans Services
6. Homeless Community/Navigation Center
7. Paying for utilities and new rental deposits to help individuals identified on the Merced Continuum of Care through the HMIS reporting system

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

- Veterans First Time Homebuyer Program
- Addiction Recovery Facility
- Shelter for Homeless Women and Children
- Homeless Work program, teaching the individuals various farming techniques

No comments from any of the meetings held were considered unacceptable.

7. Summary

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

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

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

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

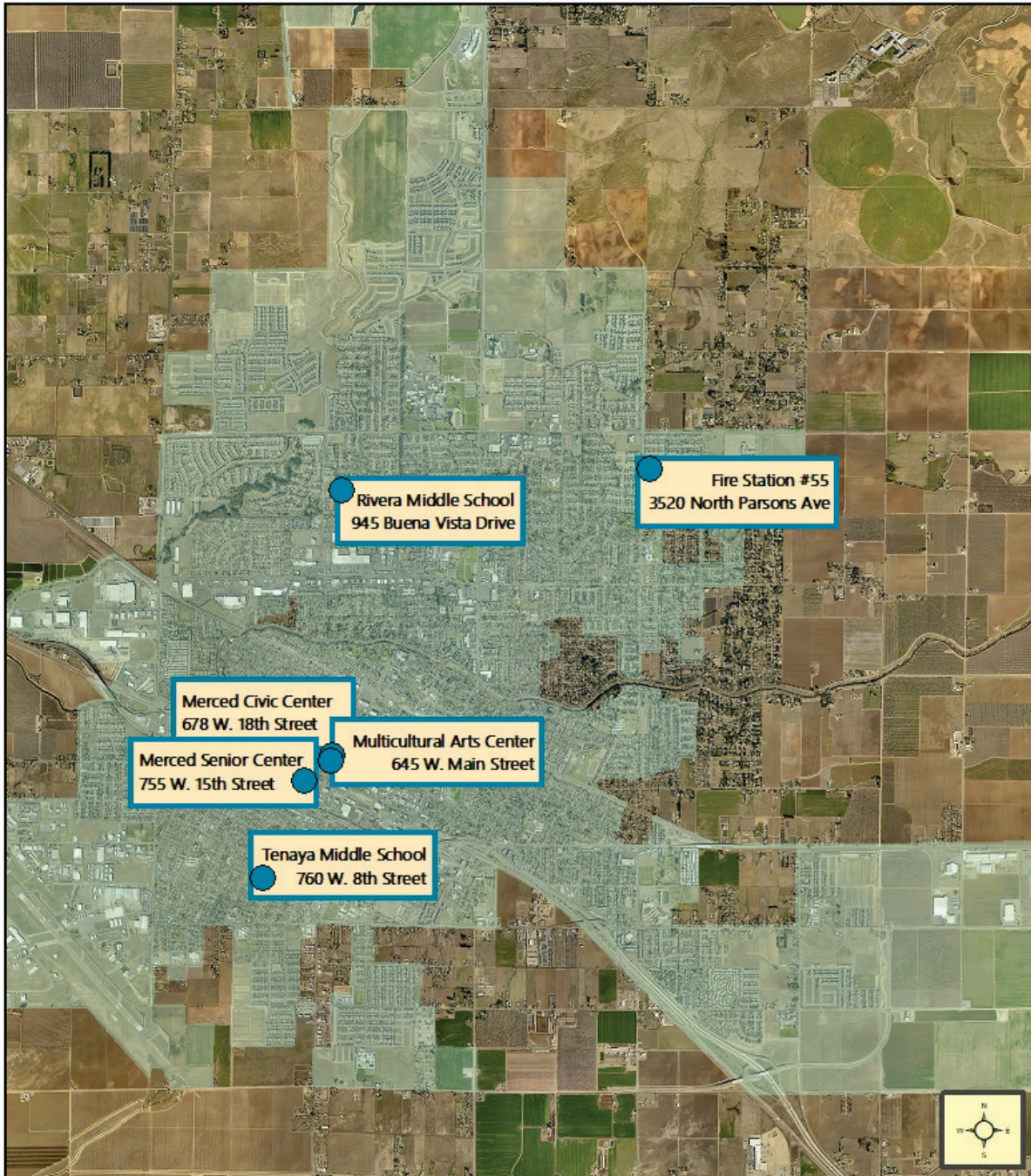
Public Notices were published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers listing dates, times, and locations of meetings set up to provide information and application assistance, as well as to have more opportunity for direct engagement with public agencies and non-profits. Local public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

Public hearings were held by City Council on April 17, 2019, and June 17, 2019, at which the Housing Division presented requests from public agencies and non-profit applications for CDBG and HOME funds. At the direction of Council, Housing Staff included funding for fourteen (14) local non-profit organizations, financial assistance for First Time Homebuyers, and continuing the Homeowner Forgivable Loan Program.

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

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Locations of Citizen and Community Input Opportunities



Location of Citizen Participation Meetings

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICES – HUD ANNUAL PLAN 2019

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

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

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

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

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		MERCED	Housing Division/Development Services Dept
HOME Administrator		MERCED	Housing Division/Development Services Dept

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate

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

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

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

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides services to homeowners within the community. This organization attended a community input meeting on November 29, 2018.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity - Merced County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides housing services within the community. This organization attended a community input meeting on November 29, 2018.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	PROJECT SENTINEL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provides fair housing services within the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	MERCED LAO FAMILY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Cultural Assimilation and Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.

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

12	Agency/Group/Organization	Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Program
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Programs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Love Faith And Hope Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Youth Development Programs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on January 3, 2019.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Alpha Pregnancy Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services for Women and Families
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization attended a community input meeting on February 7, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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

The City of Merced is looking to build a partnership with the County of Merced to address the City's and County's on-going homelessness housing issues. One of the projects the County and City are collaborating on to address homelessness and the need for on-site, individualized services is with the Childs Court Apartments. The Childs Court Apartment development will address some of the needs of the

Homeless population it is designed to serve, but will also address some of the policies of the Housing Element, which encourage the City to develop additional affordable housing units and provide a variety of housing options for the community's residents.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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

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

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

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

Citizen Participation Outreach

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

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)
2	U.S. Mail	Non-Profit Organizations currently performing services within in the City of Merced	11/20/2018 - Letters were mailed to more than 90 non-profit organizations known to operate and provide services within the Merced city limits and surrounding communities informing them of the three upcoming HUD Annual Action Plan Community Input meetings and inviting them to attend.	Fifteen of the community organizations these letters were mailed to attended the community meetings.	None.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Organizations	11/22, 11/29, and 12/6/2018 - This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ad published the notice of funding availability of CDBG & Home Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/20. There were no attendees.	Did not receive any communication from community organizations requesting additional information.	None.	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Community Organization	11/22, 11/29, and 12/6/2018 - This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ads notified the public and community organizations of the purpose, time, and place of the upcoming public input meetings. There were no attendees.	Did not receive any communication from community organizations requesting additional information.	None.	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community organizations	11/29/2018 - Community Annual Plan Meeting. This meeting was held at City Fire Station #55 in North Merced by Housing staff to present the City's Housing program and current projects, and to explain the CDBG and HOME application process.	Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.	None.	

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

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)
7	Public Hearing	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Hmong</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Non-Profit Community Organizations</p>	<p>01/07/2019 - City Council Public Meeting. Housing staff presented the start of the 2019/2020 HUD Annual Action Plan goal-setting process to the public and City Council. Additionally, Housing staff presented the current program and projects and explained the CDBG and HOME application process, requesting the Public's and Council's input. The public was given an opportunity to</p>	<p>Various valuable comments were received from members of the Council, community members, and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation in the Annual Action Plan 2019 attachment to this Annual Action Plan</p>	None.	42

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

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

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

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)
11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	02/28/2019 - City Council Town Hall Meeting at Tenaya Middle School in South Merced. Housing staff was available to answer any questions related to the	Housing staff spoke with a homeowner about any available funding mechanisms for home repair in order to rent a room for additional income, and several important comments were made from the public and Council members that provided good direction for Housing staff. Topics included Annual Action Plan concerns 2019	None.	46

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)
12	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	04/15/2019 - City Council meeting. Housing staff presented the 2019/20 program year funding applications received for the HUD 2019 Annual Action Plan. The public was given an opportunity to speak, and Spanish and Hmong language translation services were provided for the meeting.	Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.	None.	

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

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)
14	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>05/16/2019 - This outreach was advertisement s placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ad published the Notice of Public Hearing to notify the public of the date, place, and time of the City Council meeting to adopt the 2019/20 Annual Action Plan and that a draft copy of the plan was</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Annual Action Plan 2019</p>	None.	49

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
15	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	6/17/19 - City Council meeting, for the final review and adoption of the 2019/20 HUD Annual Action Plan.	Various comments were received from community members and interested parties. Their comments are included in the summary of community participation attachment to this Annual Action Plan.	None.	

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)
16	Mailed correspondence	Non-Profit Community Organizations	<p>4/15/2020 - Letters were mailed to 117 area non-profit community service organizations notifying them that CDBG-CV CARES Act funding was available and inviting them to apply for programs that would help prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus</p>	<p>City of Merced staff received multiple phone calls and emails to inquire about these funds and potential programs. As a result of the announcements by mail and newspaper, the City received six 2019 funding request applications.</p>	<p>One funding request application was unacceptable and thus not approved by City Council, as the program proposed that activities would be carried out in a neighboring city, not Merced. The City received three funding applications for rental and utility assistance, and two of those applications were approved. The rental assistance application not approved was submitted by an organization who also submitted an application for</p>	

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)
17	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Organizations	<p>4/16/2020 - This outreach was a legal notice placed in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). The ad published the Notice of Funding Availability of CDBG-CV CARES Act Funds for programs that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus and the deadline for applications.</p>	<p>Comments were received via e-mail and telephone requesting more information about the special allocation and possible programs.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted and responded to.</p>	<p>52</p>
OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)						
				Annual Action Plan 2019		

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)
18	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	4/20/2020 - City Council meeting - At this meeting, the City Council introduced staff's ideas towards a City-wide "COVID-19 Recovery Program," which would include the pending HUD allocation and programs, as well as temporary municipal utility bill	The Council received comment from the public regarding these ideas in the Recovery Program. Comments were received from the Greater Chamber of Commerce in support of economic assistance for local businesses. Comments were also received expressing concern about the Annual Action Plan 2019 residents not being able to pay rent because they	There were no comments from the public that were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			<p>04/30/2020 - On this date, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). This Notice notified the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed CARES Act substantial amendment for the use of special CDBG-CV funds, the use of HUD waivers for the citizen participation process, and</p>	<p>Annual Action Plan 2019</p> <p>No comments were received</p>		

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)
20	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	5/4/2020 - City Council Meeting - At this meeting, there were further discussions regarding a COVID-19 Recovery Program, which would include the HUD CARES Act allocation, which opened its five-day comment period on the date of this meeting. The City Manager introduced staff's research on a potential business forgivable loan or grant.	The City Council received comments regarding the need for rental assistance, business assistance to hair salons and barbershops, dental offices, and restaurants due to required closures. Members of the public also commented on the need for assistance for the Annual Action Plan purchase of 2019 gloves, hand sanitizer, and masks for small	There were no comments that were not accepted.	55

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)
21	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	5/18/2020 - A public hearing was held to approve the Substantial Amendments to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plans, the 2019 Annual Action Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan to address special citizen participation procedures during times of federal, state, and locally-declared disasters. Council's action on 5/18/2020 to approve the substantial amendment to	At the public hearing, Council received comment from two individuals, who spoke about the low-socioeconomic status of residents and also encouraged Council to	There were no comments that were not accepted.	56

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)
22	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	6/1/2020 - City Council meeting - At this meeting, staff received Council direction regarding which CDBG-CV funding request applications Council wished to fund with CDBG-CV and available regular CDBG funds and how much to allocate to	Although this was not a public hearing, City Council accepted additional public comment that strongly encouraged Council to allocate available unanticipated CDBG program income to fund two of the three rental/utility assistance requests, not just one. Council's action was to allocate this available	There were no comments not accepted.	Annual Action Plan 2019

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)
23	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community Non-profit community organizations	To help disseminate information clearly and easily during the pandemic while City Hall was closed to both public and staff, Housing staff created a new webpage dedicated to communicating information to the public and our community organization partners about CDBG-CV citizen participation and comment procedures, meetings, information on proposed substantial amendments, application	N/A Annual Action Plan 2019	N/A	https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/cdbg-coronavirus-response-supplement-cdbg-cv 58

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)
24	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	12/21/2020 - at this City Council Meeting, Agenda Item J.1 was a report to the City Council to inform them of the Third Round CARES Act funds that HUD allocated to the City on 9/11/2021 and to ask for initial direction and Council permission to proceed with a formal public participation process to amend the 2019 Annual Plan and determine the community's need for the new funding	Though this was not a public hearing, staff received one voicemail comment for the Agenda Item from Sheng Xiong/Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, requesting staff reach out to minority churches and other organizations of color for help in Annual Action Plan distributing 2019 funds.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
25	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish and Hmong	1/28/2021 - On this date, a Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment was published in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers (largest circulated newspapers within the City of Merced). This Notice notified the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed CARES Act Substantial Amendment #2 for the use of special Third Round CDBG-CV funds. The	No comments were received during the eight-day comment period held from 8am	Annual Action Plan 2019 No comments were rejected.	60

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,099,563.00	84,000.00	590,830.00	1,774,393.00	0.00	The City received an decrease in grant funding for the 2019/20 fiscal year.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	499,892.00	60,000.00	448,662.00	1,008,554.00	0.00	The City received an decrease in grant funding for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Other	1,232,327.00	0.00	0.00	1,232,327.00	0.00	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 coronavirus. Includes both First and Third Round CDBG-CV allocations.

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

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

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

The City utilizes additional Federal, State, and Local funding sources, combined with funds received from HUD Community Planning and

Development (CPD), for large multi-family developments, as well as providing financial assistance for First Time Homebuyers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Repurpose of Properties:

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

Reinvestment of Funds:

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

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

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

residents of the development, especially improving access to reliable, City-wide transit services that will enable them to travel to primary destinations such as grocery and other retail stores and medical clinics.

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In April 2020, the City of Merced received First Round CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$661,246 to use towards activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. In addition to these funds, \$38,754 of unanticipated CDBG program income and \$86,485 of 2019 CDBG were resourced towards these activities through a Substantial Amendment approved by City Council in May 2020. For more detail, please see the Discussion section in AP-65.

In September 2020, the City of Merced received Third Round CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$532,327 to further use towards activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. For more details, please see the Discussion section in AP-65.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development housing rehab	City Wide	Job Creation and Retention	CDBG: \$360,000.00 HOME: \$101,640.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Support Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide Eligible CDBG Areas	Job Creation and Retention Public Services Homeless Services	CDBG: \$371,328.00 HOME: \$54,914.00 CDBG - Unanticipated Program Income: \$38,754.00 CDBG-CV: \$1,193,573.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 465 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 48 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 500 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs Other: 8 Other
3	Fair Housing	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$30,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 85 Persons Assisted
5	Public and Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Eligible CDBG Areas	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements	CDBG: \$275,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 750 Households Assisted
7	Permanent Supportive Housing	2015	2020	Homeless	City Wide Eligible CDBG Areas	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Homeless Services	CDBG: \$738,065.00 HOME: \$852,000.00	Rental units constructed: 323 Household Housing Unit Housing for Homeless added: 8 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Goal Description	<p>The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner Rehabilitation • Acquire and Rehabilitate Blighted Property • Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property • Provide deposits and rental assistance to eligible households
2	Goal Name	Support Services
	Goal Description	<p>The funds will be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Services • Reimbursement of CDBG and HOME Administrative Cost. • Merced Continuum of Care
3	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Ensure that all housing programs are available without discrimination on any basis.

5	Goal Name	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary Infrastructure Improvements within Eligible Census Tracts • Acquire and Rehabilitate Blighted Property • Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property • Assist with the acquisition of property for permanent supportive housing
7	Goal Name	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The funds used supporting this goal will be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local non-profit organizations to provide wrap-around services to homeless individuals • Develop Affordable Housing on vacant property • Assist with the acquisition of property for permanent supportive housing • Provide deposits and rental assistance to households identified in the Merced COC HMIS program

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects budgeted for 2019-20 are summarized below. The Administrative and Public Service activities identified are expected to be completed no later than June 1, 2020. The ongoing infrastructure activities identified are expected to be completed no later than the late Summer of 2019. The acquisition of property activities identified are anticipated in the Spring of 2020, and the Gateway Terrace II activity is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2021. The State's Strategic Growth Council approved the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Community Grant in the amount of \$13.9 Million for the Childs Court Apartments. With this approval, the City will be working with our HUD Representative to process a Section 108 Loan with HUD for the CDBG funded components of the project. With this announcement, the Childs Court Apartments is anticipated to break ground in the summer of 2020 and be completed in the Fall of 2022.

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

Projects

#	Project Name
1	INF-Buena Vista & G Street (Riviera School) ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Improvements-03L/LMA
2	INF-West 25th & 26th Streets (John Muir School) ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Improvements-03L/LMA
3	PF - Gateway Terrace II Apartments - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CHDO) 03C/LMC
5	PS -Neighborhood Clean-up - Restore Merced -05V/LMA
6	HSG - Homeowner Rehabilitation - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County 14A/LMH
8	AP - Direct Administration (FY19/20)-21A
9	AP - Indirect Administration - (FY 2019/20)
10	ADMIN - Fair Housing Services - (FY 2019/20)
11	INF - GTII -Sewer & Water Main Extension Across Hwy 59 - CVCAH 03J/LMA
12	Childs & B Street Affordable Housing Development -CVCAH(CHDO)
13	AP - Planning-Continuum of Care - Merced County - 20
14	PS - Restore Jobs - Restore Merced Inc. 05V/LMA
15	PS - First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council - 05U/LMH
16	HSG - Acquisition of Property for Homeless Project - Sierra Saving Grace - 14G/LMH

#	Project Name
17	HSG - A Brush with Kindness - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County - 14A/LMH
18	PS - Warming Center - Merced Rescue Mission - 03T/LMC
19	PS - Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace - 05Q/LMC
20	HSG - Acquisition of Property for Hope for Families Program - Merced Rescue Mission - 14G/LMH
21	PS - Elder Housing Program - Healthy House Within a Match Coalition - 05A/LMC
22	PS - Empower Community (Employment Training) - Lifeline Community Development Corp.- 05H/LMA
23	CDBG-CV - Public Services - COVID Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace - 05Q/LMC
24	CDBG-CV - Public Services - Merced Social Services - The Salvation Army
25	CDBG-CV - Public Services - COVID19 Nutrition Program - Merced County Food Bank
26	CDBG-CV - Economic Dev/Microenterprise Assistance - Workplace Stabilization Program - United Way

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Code Key for the Project Titles in the above Project List are as follows:

- AP = Administration & Planning
- HSG = Housing
- INF = Infrastructure Improvements (City Engineering)
- PF = Public Facilities (Developer)
- PS = Public Services
- REP = Repayment of Section 108 Loans
- CV - Projects funded by CDBG-CV funds

Reasons for Allocation Priorities and Obstacles to Addressing Underserved Needs:

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

While there are several constraints to meeting the needs of low-income residents, the primary obstacle

is that there is a lack of funding to fully address all needs. The economic challenges facing the nation have forced many non-profits to cut services at a time when governmental entities and others are least able to provide them.

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

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

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

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

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	INF-Buena Vista & G Street (Rivera School) ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Improvements-03L/LMA
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Construction of ten ADA compliant ramps along G Street to Childs to W. 13th Street including sidewalk modifications and two Safe Crossing bulb-outs with ADA accessible ramps at the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and the Bike Path Crossing; east of Rivera School.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project benefits over five-thousand individuals living in and around these areas.
	Location Description	The project is located along Buena Vista Drive between M and R Streets.
	Planned Activities	Replace ten curb cuts with ADA Accessible ramps at various locations within the community.
2	Project Name	INF-West 25th & 26th Streets (John Muir School) ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Improvements-03L/LMA
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	The project proposes to improve the sidewalks surrounding John Muir Elementary School. There would be two intersection bulb-outs included into the project to encourage vehicular traffic to reduce speeds as they travel near the school.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project benefits over one-thousand individuals living in and around the area of improvements.

	Location Description	The project is located along W. 25th Street between I Street and K Streets.
	Planned Activities	ADA Improvements along W. 25th Street
3	Project Name	PF - Gateway Terrace II Apartments - Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CHDO) 03C/LMC
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Gateway Terrace II Apartments consists of 50 units of new construction multi-family housing on an approximately 1.65 acre site. It is located on K Street between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets in the City of Merced, County of Merced, APN #031-323-002. The Housing Authority of the County of Merced previously owned and operated rental public housing units on this site, which were demolished in 2009. The site has been graded and is ready for new construction. Our target population is existing and future income-qualified families in Merced and the surrounding areas. 100% of the units will be rent-restricted for qualified residents with incomes ranging from 50% to 60% of the area median income for a 55-year affordability period. We are also anticipating more than ten (10) HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers and thirty-eight (38) HUD Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) committed to the project. Gateway Terrace II Apartments, will consist of 49 affordable units and 1 manager unit for a total of 50 garden-style apartments with 17 units at 50% of AMI and 32 units at 60% of AMI. The project will consist of 12 one-bedroom units, 21 two-bedroom units, and 17 three-bedroom units.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Construction of 50 Apartments.
	Location Description	The project is located on K Street, between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets
	Planned Activities	Construction of 50 affordable apartments and related infrastructure improvements.
4	Project Name	PS -Neighborhood Clean-up - Restore Merced -05V/LMA

	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	:
	Description	To perform various cleanups along creeks and downtown neighborhoods within the community. The organization will provide job training and wrap-around services to 5 homeless individuals whom will be the ones performing the actual clean-up tasks.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist approximately 5-6 formerly homeless individuals with providing them with necessary jobs skills to become employable.
	Location Description	Restore Merced offices are located in downtown Merced.
	Planned Activities	Clean up neighborhoods and provide job skills.
5	Project Name	HSG - Homeowner Rehabilitation - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County 14A/LMH
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	:
	Description	Rehabilitate existing homeowner properties with necessary health and safety improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipates assisting 5 Homeowners with necessary health and safety repairs.
	Location Description	At various locations throughout the community.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homeowner occupied properties.
6	Project Name	AP - Direct Administration (FY19/20)-21A
	Target Area	City Wide

	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Job Creation and Retention Public Services Homeless Services Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,851.00 HOME: \$54,914.00
	Description	The project allows housing staff the ability to provide CDBG and HOME administrative services to ensure the implementation of Housing Projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Housing Division currently has four staff assigned to the direct implementation of the various housing programs.
	Location Description	678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340
	Planned Activities	Reimburse Housing Staff for actual direct and indirect expenses.
7	Project Name	AP - Indirect Administration - (FY 2019/20)
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$118,356.00
	Description	To provide Indirect Administrative Services necessary for the Housing Division.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	The City of Merced is located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	Necessary indirect services to the Housing Division.
8	Project Name	ADMIN - Fair Housing Services - (FY 2019/20)
	Target Area	City Wide

	Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$30,000.00
	Description	Fair Housing Services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project Sentinel will be working within the community to provide a necessary fair housing services within the City of Merced.
	Location Description	At various locations throughout the community.
	Planned Activities	Necessary services to ensure tenants and landlords are not being discriminated against.
9	Project Name	INF - GTII -Sewer & Water Main Extension Across Hwy 59 - CVCAH 03J/LMA
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Public and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$275,000.00
	Description	Additional funds needed to complete the requested change order to complete the sewer and water main replacement across Highway 59.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The actual number of families benefitting from the project is approximately 750 residents. The proposed project will improve the delivery of water and wastewater service flows for the neighboring residents. The project will provide a direct benefit to all the residents living along the project site.
	Location Description	The project extends from H Street to L Streets, between W. 12th and W. 13th Streets, in Central Merced.
	Planned Activities	Replacement of Water and Sewer Mains, installation of ADA-compliant ramps and alley entrances, and replacement of a deteriorated alley.
10	Project Name	Childs & B Street Affordable Housing Development -CVCAH(CHDO)
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	HOME: \$852,000.00
	Description	Construction of 119 multi-family affordable residential rental units, of which 6 units shall be restricted under HOME Investment Partnership Program regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project proposes to construct 119 Affordable Housing Units located at the intersection of Childs Avenue and B Street. One of the components of the project is to designate 30 units for households with incomes less than 30% of Average Medium Incomes for Permanent Supportive Housing. Eighty-Eight Units will be designated for households with incomes of less than 60% Average Medium Income, with the remaining unit reserved for the on-site property manager.
	Location Description	The project is located at the northwest corner of Childs Avenue and B Street.
	Planned Activities	Construction of 119 new affordable housing units.
11	Project Name	AP - Planning-Continuum of Care - Merced County - 20
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,000.00
	Description	Assist the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are over 500 homeless individuals that were recently counted within the County of Merced. The Continuum of Care is a partnership of government agencies and local agencies to concentrate and coordinate efforts to ensure these individuals receive services.
	Location Description	County of Merced offices are located at 2222 M Street, Merced CA.
	Planned Activities	To assist the County of Merced with financial assistance to help fund the Continuum of Care.
12	Project Name	PS - Restore Jobs - Restore Merced Inc. 05V/LMA
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000.00
	Description	The project cleans up neighborhoods and areas that are not currently being serviced by the City of Merced Refuse Department. The project also provides job training for formerly homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program anticipates employing 10 formerly homeless individuals to assist with cleaning various areas of the community.
	Location Description	Restore Merced Inc. is located at 410 W. 19th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	PS - First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council - 05U/LMH
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	:
	Description	To provide HUD Certified First-Time Homebuyer courses to households looking to purchase a home within the City of Merced.* AMENDED: this project to provide first-time homebuyer classes was not implemented during FY 19/20 due to the emergence of the Coronavirus during the second half of the program year. As part of the CARES Act substantial amendment to this Annual Plan, the CDBG funds were re-allocated to Public Service projects that will prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The subrecipient is anticipating approximately 300 participants over the course of the year.
	Location Description	The program will be implemented at various locations within the City of Merced over the course of a year.
	Planned Activities	To provide HUD-Certified First Time Homebuyer courses in English and Spanish.

14	Project Name	HSG - Acquisition of Property for Homeless Project - Sierra Saving Grace - 14G/LMH
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$330,000.00
	Description	To acquire an existing single family property (1-4 units) for individuals that are currently experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity will benefit up to 3 households with the acquisition of a single family property (1- 4 units).
	Location Description	The location is still to be determined, based upon the current real estate market once the agreement is executed.
	Planned Activities	To purchase an existing single family property (1-4 units) within an eligible census tract.
15	Project Name	HSG - A Brush with Kindness - Habitat for Humanity - Stanislaus County - 14A/LMH
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitate and enhance existing neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Job Creation and Retention
	Funding	CDBG: \$360,000.00 HOME: \$101,640.00
	Description	Rehabilitation of homeowner occupied units with health and safety improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist four homeowners with minor home rehabilitation and assist one household with a substantial rehabilitation.
	Location Description	Various locations throughout the community.
	Planned Activities	The activity proposes to assist four homeowners with minor home rehabilitation and assist one household with a substantial rehabilitation.

16	Project Name	PS - Warming Center - Merced Rescue Mission - 03T/LMC
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	To operate a warming center for individuals seeking shelter when either the temperature drops below 40 degrees or there is rain in the forecast.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist up to one hundred (100) currently homeless individuals.
	Location Description	The Rescue Mission is located at 620 W. 20th Street, Merced CA.
	Planned Activities	To operate a warming center for individuals seeking shelter when either the temperature drops below 40 degrees or there is rain in the forecast.
17	Project Name	PS - Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace - 05Q/LMC
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000.00
	Description	To provide assistance to households that may become or are experiencing homelessness. The assistance can be either rent payments, rental deposits, or utility payments for not longer than 3 months.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity proposes to assist up to eighteen (18) households.
	Location Description	Sierra Saving Grace is located at 710 W. 18th Street in Merced.
	Planned Activities	To provide assistance to households that may become or are experiencing homelessness. The assistance can be either rent payments, rental deposits, or utility payments for not longer than 3 months.

18	Project Name	HSG - Acquisition of Property for Hope for Families Program - Merced Rescue Mission - 14G/LMH
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$326,700.00
	Description	Acquire a single family residence (1-4 units) to house families at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity would assist one to four families at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Location Description	The Merced Rescue Mission is located at 520 W. 20th Street, Merced
	Planned Activities	To acquire a single family residence (1-4 units) with the community to assist with housing families at-risk of becoming homeless.
19	Project Name	PS - Elder Housing Program - Healthy House Within a Match Coalition - 05A/LMC
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000.00
	Description	To provide services needed to assist the elderly with housing and health services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity would assist over 75 individuals with needed housing and health services.
	Location Description	Healthy House is located at 301 W. 18th Street, Merced.
	Planned Activities	To provide services needed to assist the elderly with housing and health services.

20	Project Name	PS - Empower Community (Employment Training) - Lifeline Community Development Corp.- 05H/LMA
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	To provide various services to the residents within the Loughborough Drive Neighborhood.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To provide various services to approximately ninety (90) individuals residing in the Loughborough Drive neighborhood area.
	Location Description	The program is centered along Loughborough Drive, which is located within a disadvantaged census tract and is considered eligible.
	Planned Activities	To provide various services to the residents within the Loughborough Drive Neighborhood.
21	Project Name	CDBG-CV - Public Services - COVID Emergency Assistance - Sierra Saving Grace - 05Q/LMC
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG - Unanticipated Program Income: \$38,754.00 CDBG-CV: \$277,410.00
	Description	Subsistence Payments - program will pay up to three months of rental, mortgage, and/or electric and gas utility arrears payments on behalf of households in the City of Merced, whose income earners have lost income due to COVID-19 Coronavirus stay-at-home order, being sick with or quarantined with suspicion of being sick with Coronavirus, caring for a household member with Coronavirus, having to stay home from work with school-aged children as a result of school closures for Coronavirus, or other Coronavirus-related reason(s).
	Target Date	12/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sierra Saving Grace will assist a minimum of approximately 20 households, with a maximum assistance of \$4,500 per household. Because some households may need less assistance than \$4,500, the program may be able to assist more households than 20. The majority of these individuals or families will be likely be low- to moderate-income, but moderate-income or higher families may also have lost income due to COVID-19 and need temporary rental or mortgage assistance if no other funds are available to them. The \$100,000 grant proposes to disburse approximately \$70,000 to rent and mortgage assistance, and \$20,000 to electric/gas utility service assistance. The remainder of the grant will fund a temporary staff position dedicated to this program, plus office supplies for the position.
	Location Description	The activities will be carried out at Sierra Saving Grace's office location at 710 W. 18th Street, Suite 18, in the City of Merced, California. Assistance will be provided to residents living within the City of Merced, in all census tracts.
	Planned Activities	Sierra Saving Grace will pay up to three months of rental, mortgage, and/or electric and gas utility arrears payments (maximum of \$4,500) on behalf of individuals and families who have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 and are at risk of being evicted or foreclosed upon and/or of living in unhealthy conditions without electricity and natural gas services. The goal of the program is to keep individuals and families from becoming homeless after eviction moratoriums are lifted, as well to keep them in healthy and sanitary living environments, with electricity/gas for cooling/heat, hot water, and cooking.
22	Project Name	CDBG-CV - Public Services - Merced Social Services - The Salvation Army
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$86,485.00 CDBG-CV: \$216,163.00

	Description	Subsistence Payments - program will pay up to three months of rental, mortgage, and/or electric and gas utility arrears payments on behalf of households in the City of Merced, whose income earners have lost income due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus stay-at-home order, being sick with or quarantined with suspicion of being sick with Coronavirus, caring for a household member with Coronavirus, having to stay home from work with school-aged children as a result of school closures for Coronavirus, or other Coronavirus-related reason(s).
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Salvation Army will assist approximately 45 households with rent/mortgage and/or utility arrears assistance. Because some households may need less assistance than expected, the subrecipient may be able to assist more than this number. The majority of individuals and families assisted will likely be low- to moderate-income, but higher-income households may also have lost income due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders or illness and have used up all other reserves available to them.
	Location Description	The activities will be carried out at The Salvation Army's local office location at 1440 W. 12th Street in the City of Merced. Assistance will be provided only to residents within the City of Merced, in all census tracts.
	Planned Activities	The Salvation Army will pay up to three months of rent/mortgage and/or electric and gas utility arrears payments on behalf of individuals and families who have experienced loss of income due to COVID-19 and who are at risk of being evicted or foreclosed upon and/or of living in unhealthy conditions without electricity and natural gas utility service. The goal of the program is to keep individuals and families from becoming homeless after eviction moratoriums are lifted, as well as to keep them in healthy and sanitary living environments, with electricity and gas for cooling/heat, hot water, and cooking.
23	Project Name	CDBG-CV - Public Services - COVID19 Nutrition Program - Merced County Food Bank
	Target Area	Eligible CDBG Areas
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$200,000.00

	Description	Food Bank - This program will fund the expansion of the existing food services provided to City residents by the Merced County Food Bank, to handle the increased operating and staffing costs they are experiencing in responding to the additional demands for food distribution as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis and direct impact on residents' ability to afford food for their households.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Based on current demand nearly quadruple the normal number of families in need, the Merced County Food Bank expects to be able to serve 35,000 people with this program, or an approximate total of 245,000 meals provided. The program will use the number of meals provided for its unit of service. Cost per unit of service is calculated per the following (budget/unit of service): $\$100,000 / 245,000 \text{ meals} = \0.408 cost per meal.
	Location Description	The majority of the program will be carried out with daily distributions at the Food Bank's central location at 2000 West Olive Avenue, in Merced City. Through partner agencies, weekly and monthly distributions at other locations within the City of Merced will also occur, depending on which site and partner program is conducting the distribution.

	Planned Activities	<p>The Merced County Food Bank (MCFB) is requesting funds to hire two warehouse staff to handle the increased demands for food acquisition, storage, and distribution, as well as for related staff costs such as benefits and insurance. Support is also requested for the increased costs related to utilities, cold storage, and liability insurance. The Food Bank has seen a consistent demand 300-400% above normal levels since the start of State and local Public Health Department Stay-At-Home Orders in mid-March 2020.</p> <p>As a result of COVID-19, MCFB and partner agencies expect a sustained increase in the demand for food resources as the local economy struggles to recover. Funding for this program will be specifically tailored to help MCFB with operational costs associated with that increased and sustained demand for services. Other funding sources that have flowed to MCFB throughout the pandemic have all been focused on acquiring food, personal protection equipment (PPE) gear and equipment to meet the logistical and health related costs of the pandemic. None of the governmental funds received thus far by MCFB have allowed costs associated with the reimbursement of documented operating costs, such as staff costs, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and insurance. MCFB views this program and funding source as essential to supporting the ongoing distribution of food resources to those affected by COVID-19.</p>
24	Project Name	CDBG-CV - Economic Dev/Microenterprise Assistance - Workplace Stabilization Program - United Way
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Job Creation and Retention
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$500,000.00
	Description	United Way will provide grant assistance to small businesses with 1-20 employees and microenterprise businesses with 1-5 owner/employees to help stabilize the business, install improvements in order to reopen, and retain jobs and/or rehire employees who were laid off/furloughed due to mandatory business closure orders during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	With an approximate grant amount of \$10,000 per business, United Way expects to assist 50 businesses within the City of Merced. Businesses with a greater need or more employees may potentially have a greater need. Conversely, microenterprise businesses may have a lesser need. Therefore, this estimate could change as implementation of the program progresses.
	Location Description	The activities will be carried out at the offices of United Way, 531 W. Main Street, Merced CA. Businesses assisted will be located within the city limits of Merced (city-wide).
	Planned Activities	This activity proposes grant assistance to businesses who were forced to close or drastically reduce business operations due to State and/or Local Health Orders to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The United Way will run two activities under this program: 1) Matrix Code 18A: small business grant assistance in the form of working capital of businesses up to 20 employees, to enable retention of jobs held by low- to moderate-income persons; and 2) Matrix Code 18C: microenterprise grant assistance to small businesses of 1-5 employees, including the business owner, in the form of financial and/or technical assistance to help stabilize and improve the physical operation of the business and enable it to safely reopen under new COVID-19 precautions.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

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

Geographic Distribution

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

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

Discussion

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

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

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

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

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally, the Housing Division is looking to partner with the Merced County Housing Authority to

secure an additional vouchers to be used for future projects such as the proposed Childs Court Apartment Development.

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

HACM Statement of Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs

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

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

The HACM waiting list was reopened on April 9, 2018, and stayed open through April 12, 2019. The Authority has continuously selected from the waiting list, however, due to the 1% vacancy rate, many families are experiencing difficulty securing housing.

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

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

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

HACM Homeownership Programs

The Authority created a Homeownership Program (HOP) for tenants residing in public housing. The Homeownership Program was established to provide an opportunity for low income families who ordinarily could not afford to buy their own homes, to do so. Families are required to meet normal eligibility requirements for public housing and must, in addition, demonstrate the potential to achieve

homeownership status. Such potential involves an income which is stable and sufficient to pay operating costs and build up equity towards the required down payment. Prospective tenants are required to attend a variety of classes which include homeownership, credit counseling, home maintenance, how to maintain a loan, etc. Ninety-Five (95) families have benefited from the program and achieved homeownership. Currently there are three (3) available homes for prospective families.

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

HACM is not designated as "troubled."

Discussion

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

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

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

- Received 35 additional VASH vouchers, totaling 103 VASH vouchers to date.
- Development of “Tiny” or “Small” homes in Housing Authority-Owned lots.

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

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

Goal 4 – Improve the quality of assisted housing.

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

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

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

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

- Refinanced high interest bonds to lower rates.

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

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

Introduction

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

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

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

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

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

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

While there are several other constraints (please refer to the Consolidated Plan for a detailed list), the

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

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

Discussion

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

CARES Act Substantial Amendment - CDBG-CV and CDBG Activity and Project Funding Description:

Following HUD's announcement of the availability of CARES Act funding allocations on April 1, 2020, CDBG-CV CARES Act-funded projects intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus were amended to this 2019 Annual Plan by Substantial Amendment approved by the Merced City Council on May 18, 2020.

The May 18, 2020, Substantial Amendment established the following changes and additions to the existing 2019 Annual Action Plan, Section AP-35:

- Reallocated \$4,920 of existing 2019 CDBG funds from Project #15 (AP-35 list) "PS - First Time Home Buyer Courses - Community Housing Council" to CDBG Public Service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Reallocated \$81,565 of existing 2019 CDBG funds from Project #7 (AP-35 list) "REP - HUD 108 Loan Payment -19F" to CDBG Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Allocated \$500,000 of new CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to CDBG-CV Economic Development activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
- Allocated \$161,246 of new CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to CDBG-CV Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

- Reallocated \$38,754 of unanticipated CDBG program income that was received during the 2019 Program Year to CDBG Public Services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. The unanticipated income was received from existing home loans paid off during the 2019 Program Year that was over and above the amounts estimated at the start of the year.
- Changed the funding source of "PS - Fair Housing Services - Project Sentinel - 05J/LMC" from CDBG Public Services/Fair Housing Activities to HOME Administrative activities. The change in funding source was mainly for budgeting purposes, intended to free up CDBG funds for use towards Public Service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus, as well as for end-of-year balancing.

At the June 1, 2020, City Council meeting, after review and screening of the CDBG-CV/CDBG project funding applications received from non-profit organizations, the Merced City Council approved the following four projects for activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus:

1. United Way of Merced County - Workplace Stabilization Program; *Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Economic Development activities in the amount of \$500,000.*
2. Merced County Food Bank - COVID-19 Nutrition Program; *Expected resource: CDBG-CV/Public Services activities in the amount of \$100,000.*
3. Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project - COVID Emergency Assistance Program; *Expected resources: CDBG-CV/Public Services for \$61,246 and CDBG/Public Services for \$38,754 (total of \$100,000 for project).*
4. Salvation Army - Salvation Army Merced Social Services; *Expected resource: CDBG/Public Services in the amount of \$86,485.*

In February 2021, the City Council approved Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to add new Third Round CDBG-CV funds to the existing rental assistance and food bank programs. For more details on public process and comments received, please see the attachment in the Executive Summary.

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

Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion:

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

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

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

Application Process

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

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

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

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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

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

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

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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

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

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

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

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion:

Monitoring Plan

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

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

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

Multi-Family Housing Program Monitoring

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

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

Single Dwelling Housing Program Monitoring

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

Activity/Public Service Monitoring

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

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

The overall benefit period chosen by the City of Merced is 3 years.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.	85.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Applicants for multi-family units are required to enter into a Development Agreement and designate a specific number of units for income eligible residents. The program calls for funds to be loaned for a 30 – 55 year period with a three (3) percent interest rate. The full amount of the HOME Loan

subsidy is recaptured and is utilized for other HOME Loans meeting the HOME program income guidelines. If the development is sold, repayment of the loan is required so funds can be reused as program income.

The house must be owner-occupied and deed restricted against resale for the affordability term. Prepayment on the loan or a sale within 10 years from the date of loan origination results in a penalty of 4% on the original loan amount starting from the loan origination date and calculated on a per month basis. The loan is not assumable and must be paid in full upon sale or transfer of the property. Following the 10-year obligation, the borrower may prepay the loan plus interest, in part or in whole, at any time without penalty. Funds collected are reused as program income. If the home is sold or transferred within 10 years from the date of the loan origination, the applicant shall also pay the City a percentage share of the difference between the price paid for the property and its value at the time of sale or transfer. The City limits the amount subject to recapture to the sale's net proceeds, which is the sales price minus the loan repayment and closing costs (other than HOME funds). The limitation applies to all units, regardless of the type of recapture provision used or the nature of the sale (voluntary sales including foreclosures).

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

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

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

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

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

CDBG 70% Overall Low-Mod Benefit Period

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

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



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CITY OF MERCED
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
 This notice serves to notify Merced City Residents of a public hearing and their opportunity to comment on the below proposed actions and use of Federal CARES Act funding.

PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS: The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Merced, as a HUD Entitlement Grantee, that the City has been allocated an additional \$332,327 of Coronavirus Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV) to be used specifically to: "widen programs and activities that help to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic." The allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, in response to the growing effects of this public health crisis. Accordingly, the City of Merced is highlighting a Second Substantial Amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan with the intention of allocating the additional round of CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to the following community needs that were previously identified, approved, and funded in the First Substantial Amendment process (May of 2019): a) Public Service programs that address the immediate and increased demand for food assistance by low/moderate income households; and, b) Public Service programs that assist with retention of housing and vital utility services (gas/electric), and inclusion of internet services for online learning or employment opportunities for low/moderate income City residents who have experienced economic hardships due to the COVID-19 crisis. The City is recommending the following amendments to its 2019 Annual Action Plan:

- Addition of \$332,327 of CDBG-CV funds as an Expected Resource; and,
- Increase Food Bank Assistance to the Merced County Food Bank "COVID-19 Nutrition Program" by an additional \$100,000 of CDBG-CV funds; and,
- Increase Rental and Utility Assistance to the Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project "COVID Emergency Assistance Program" by an additional \$216,164 of CDBG-CV funds; and,
- Increase Rental and Utility Assistance to the Salvation Army "The Salvation Army/Merced Social Services" program by an additional \$216,164 of CDBG-CV funds.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MERCED CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021. As of this publishing, it has not been determined whether this meeting will be held virtually or in person. For information and updates, please see the City Clerk webpage (www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk) including livestream links, public participation and comment procedures, agendas, and minutes. All City Council meetings are broadcast on Comcast Public Access Channel 16, website (www.comcast.com) and social media (www.facebook.com/cityofmerced, twitter.com/cityofmerced, www.instagram.com/cityofmerced).

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT DURING A REDUCED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR USE OF FEDERAL CARES ACT CDBG-CV FUNDING:

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Publish: January 28, 2021

Ciudad de Merced
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PARA EL PÚBLICO PARA LA OPORTUNIDAD DE COMENTAR
 Esta notificación tiene como propósito notificar a los residentes de la ciudad de Merced de la audiencia pública, pero también a oportunidad de comentar en las acciones propuestas en esta notificación del uso del dinero Federal CARES Act (Fondos).

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- Un incremento de \$332,327 de dólares como fondos de recursos del CDBG-CV
- Incrementar la ayuda al Banco de Comida del condado de Merced "Programa de Nutrición COVID-19" con \$100,000 dólares adicionales de los fondos de CDBG-CV
- Incrementar la ayuda de renta y utilidades al proyecto de Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project "Programa de asistencia de emergencia COVID" con \$216,164 de dólares adicionales de los fondos de CDBG-CV
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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PARA EL PÚBLICO PARA LA APROBACIÓN SUBSTANCIAL DE LA ENMIENDA DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DEL 2019

LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DEL AYAJUSTAMIENTO DE LA CIUDAD DE MERCED PARA REVISAR Y APROBAR LAS ENMIENDAS MENCIONADAS ANTERIORMENTE ESTÁ PROGRAMADA PARA EL MARTES 16 DE FEBRERO DEL 2021, A LAS 5:00 P.M. En esta notificación se le ha decidido si esta reunión será en persona o virtualmente. Para más información o a una acción, visitar la página de la secretaria (www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk)

NOTIFICACIÓN PARA LA OPORTUNIDAD DE COMENTAR DURANTE UN PERIODO BREVE SOBRE EL USO DE LOS FONDOS FEDERALES

CARES ACT COBG-CV:

EL PÚBLICO PODRÁ VER Y PROPORCIONAR COMENTARIOS ESCRITOS SOBRE LAS ENMIENDAS PROPLESTAS ANTERIORMENTE DURANTE EL PERÍODO DE 8:00 A.M. EL MARTES 7 DE FEBRERO DE 2021 HASTA LAS 5:00 P.M. EL MARTES 16 DE FEBRERO DE 2021 CON LOS SIGUIENTES PROCEDIMIENTOS A CONTINUACIÓN:

Los comentarios escritos y verbales se podrán enviar durante el periodo de comentarios hasta el 16 de febrero por: correo electrónico a: hueyabgo@promerica.com (con un límite de 500 palabras); o 5) dador un mensaje de voz al 229-355-6863 (con un límite de tres minutos); o 6) presentando e dñando su comentario a un miembro del personal de Vivid en los días de 5:00 p.m. al 1:00 de febrero de 2021; o 7) enviado por correo a: División de Vivivado - Correo electrónico: divisio@vivid.com, c/c. de Alcorco, 578 - 16th Street, Miami CA 33141 (hasta recibirlo antes del 16 de febrero de 2021).

Publicado: El 28 de enero, del 2021

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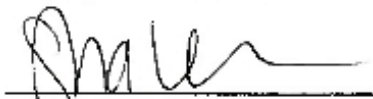
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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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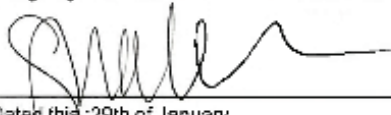
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CITY OF MERCED
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PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS: The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Merced, as a HUD Entitlement Grantee, that the City has been allocated an additional \$532,327 of Coronavirus Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV) to be used specifically towards programs and activities that help to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. The allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this public health crisis. Accordingly, the City of Merced is beginning a Second Substantial Amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan with the intention of allocating the additional round of CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to the following community needs that were previously identified, approved, and funded in the First Substantial Amendment process (May of 2020): a) Public Service programs that address the immediate and increased demand for food assistance by low-moderate income households; and, b) Public Service programs that assist with retention of housing and vital utility services (gas/electric, and inclusion of internet services for online learning or employment as an eligible utility) for low-moderate income City residents who have experienced economic hardships due to the COVID-19 crisis. The City is recommending the following amendments to its 2019 Annual Action Plan:

- Addition of \$532,327 of CDBG-CV Funds as an Expected Resource.
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Attention: City Clerk

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CITY OF MERCED

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/s/ Kim Nutt
Kim Nutt, Housing Program Specialist

CIUDAD DE MERCED

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Comcast, enlaces en vivo por internet, y medios sociales (www.cityofmerced.org/about-merced/social-media-center).

**NOTIFICACION PARA LA OPORTUNIDAD DE COMENTAR DURANTE UN PERIODO BREVE
SOBRE EL USO DE LOS FUNDOS FEDERALES CARES ACT CDBG-CV:**

Previamente, el 30 de abril del 2020, la Ciudad de Merced publicó un aviso notificando al público de su intención inmediata de implementar ciertas exenciones regulatorias emitidas por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE. UU. (HUD) mediante un memorando titulado, "Disponibilidad de exenciones del programa de subvenciones de planificación y desarrollo comunitario (CPD) y requisitos del plan consolidado para prevenir la propagación de COVID-19 y mitigar los impactos económicos causados por COVID-19". Las exenciones permiten una reducción del período de comentarios mínimo normal de 30 días a un mínimo de cinco (5) días cuando se proporciona un aviso razonable y la oportunidad de comentar y permite a la ciudad determinar qué constituye un aviso razonable y la oportunidad de comentar. Según el permitido por HUD, las exenciones implementadas seguirán siendo válidas hasta el 30 de junio de 2021 para cualquier enmienda adicional relacionada con COVID-19 al Plan de Acción Anual de 2019, que incluye la enmienda propuesta que se escuchará el 16 de febrero del 2021. HUD también requirió a la Ciudad para enmendar su Plan de Participación Ciudadana [enmendado el 18 de mayo de 2020] con tales determinaciones y procedimientos de participación ciudadana durante tiempos de desastre federal, estatal o local cuando se usarían fondos federales

EL PÚBLICO PODRÁ VER Y PROPORCIONAR COMENTARIOS ESCRITOS SOBRE LAS ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS ANTERIORMENTE DURANTE EL PERÍODO DE 8:00 A.M. EL MARTES 9 DE FEBRERO DE 2021 HASTA LAS 5:00 P.M. EL MARTES 16 DE FEBRERO DE 2021 CON LOS SIGUIENTES PROCEDIMIENTOS A CONTINUACIÓN:

- Un resumen de las enmiendas propuestas estará disponible para su visualización de las siguientes maneras: 1) Sitio web de la División de Vivienda: www.cityofmerced.org/departments/economic-development/housing-division; 2) enviando un correo electrónico a: housing@cityofmerced.org cualquier día antes de las 2:00 p.m. el 16 de febrero de 2021 y 3) en persona en la oficina de la División de Vivienda, 2do piso del Ayuntamiento, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced hasta las 5:00 p.m. el martes 16 de febrero del 2021.
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- La Ciudad hará un esfuerzo por publicar cualquier documento pequeño (de 1 a 10 páginas) en un gabinete transparente cerrado con llave que se encuentra fuera del Centro Cívico de la ciudad Merced, 678 W 18th Street, Merced, California, durante todo el periodo de los comentarios.
- Los comentarios enviados directamente a la oficina del secretario de la ciudad para la audiencia pública antes de la fecha límite, se podrán leer o reproducir durante la reunión. Si

la tecnología lo permite, los miembros del público que han presentado comentarios pueden ser llamados durante la reunión programada del Concejo Municipal por teleconferencia para proporcionar comentarios adicionales durante la reunión en tiempo real.

Atención a el: secretario de la ciudad.

SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD
CIUDAD DE MERCED

Publicado: El 28 de enero, del 2021

/S/Kim Nutt
Kim Nutt, Especialista en Programas de Vivienda

LUB NROOG MERCED

DAIM NTAUV RAU TSOOM PEJ XEEM TUJ MLOOG THIAB MUAB SIJ HAWM HAI LUS

Daim ntauv no yog muab hais rau cov neeg nyob hauv lub Nroog Merced tuaj hais lus thiab muab caij nyooq hais txog cov ntsiab lus yuav siv hauv qab no thiab siv Tsoom Fwv Federal CARES ACT cov nyiaj

LUB HOM PHIAJ YUAV SIV TSOOM FWV COV NYIAJ: Nyob rau U.S. lub tuam tsev saib txog Vajtsev thiab ua Vajtsev (HUD) tau hais rau lub Nroog Merced, raws li HUD muaj cov caij siv tau cov nyiaj, raws li qhov ntawm lub Nroog thiab yuav tau muab nyiaj ntxiv li \$532,327 los ua Coronavirus Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV) cov nyiaj los siv pab rau txoj hauv kev yuav ua mus tom ntej no thiab coj los npaj kev tiv thaiv, npaj tseg cia rau ntawm, thiab yuav muab mus pab txoj kev txom nyem ntawm tus kab mob COVID-19 Coronavirus los raug. Kev tso caij faib tawm pob nyiaj los ntawm Coronavirus Aid, Relief, thiab Economic Security (CARES) Act, los pab rau tsoom Pej Xeeb nyob rau hauv txoj caij 116-136, uas twb tau kos npe pom zoo los ntawm tus thawj coj President Trump nyob rau thaum lub 3/ 27/ 2020, coj los pab rau vim txoj kev muaj teeb meem txog kab mob sib kis ntau tuaj lawm. Raw li, Lub Nroog Merced thiab los pib npaj txoj caij Second Substantial Amendment rau xyoo 2019. Lub Tswv Yim yuav npaj yuav ua mus tom ntej nrog rau lub tswv yim muab tej nyiaj faib tawm los ntawm CARES Act CDBG-CV pob nyiaj mus pab rau tsoom peej xeeb kom tau raws li lawv xav tau yav dhau los lawm, vim twb pom zoo lawm, thiab tej nyiaj los ntawm First Substantial Amendment npaj nyob thaum (Lub Txib Hli Xyoo 2020): a) Coj los ua nyiaj pab rau tsoom peej xeeb kom sai li sai tau thiab coj los pab rau cov tsev neeg uas tau nyiaj tsawg thiab, b) Pab rau tsoom peej xeeb xauj vajtsev thiab pab rau nqis hluav taws xob (gas/electric, thiab nrog rau nqis internet txoj kev kawm nyob rau saum online los yog kev poob hauj twm coj los them tej nuj nqis) rau cov peej xeeb uas nyob hauv lub Nroog uas tau nyiaj tsawg uas vim muaj xwm txheej kub ntxhov txoj kev txom nyem los ntawm tus kab mob COVID-19 no. Lub Nroog tau pom zoo hloov kho raws li txoj caij uas 2019 lub tswv yim Npaj yuav siv mus:

- Ntxiv rau \$532,327 los ntawm pob nyiaj CDBG-CV coj los ua kev pab.
- Nce cov nyiaj yuav pab rau Koos Haus Food Bank uas coj los pab rau Merced County Food Bank "COVID-19 Nutrition Program" ntxiv rau los ntawm \$100,000 cov nyiaj CDBG-CV.
- Nce cov nyiaj pab neeg xauj tsev thiab pab rau Utility Assistance to the Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project "COVID Emergency Assistance Program" Ntxiv rau los ntawm pob nyiaj \$216,164 los ntawm CDBG-CV pob nyiaj.
- Nce cov nyiaj pab rau cov neeg xauj tsev thiab pab them tej nqi hluav taws xob mus rau lub Koos Haus Salvation Army "nyob hauv lub koos haum Salvation Army Merced Social Services" kom muaj tej kev pab cuam rau tsoom peej xeeb uas yog yuav ntxiv nyiaj li \$216,163 los ntawm CDBG-CV pob nyiaj.

DAIM NTAUV RAU TSOOM PEJ XEEM TUJ MLOOG UA KEV POM ZOO HLOOV KHO RAU LUB TSWV YIM NPAJ YUAV UA NYOB XYOO 2019 DHAV LOS NO:

TSO RAU TSOOM PEJ XEEM TUJ MLOOG LUB NROOG MERCED COV NOM TSWV MUAB COJ LOS SAIB DUA THIAB UA KEV POM ZOO RAU QHOV KEV HLOOV LOS SAUM NO UAS YUAV MUAB LUB SIJ HAWM YOG THAUM 6:00 P.M., UAS YOG HNUB TUESDAY, 2/16/ 2021. Raws li daim ntauv tso tawm, nws tsis tau txiav txim siab tias qhov kev sib tham no yuav tuav zoo li cas los yog tus kheej tuaj. Xav paub ntau ntxiv thiab tej yam hloov tshiab, thov mus saib City Clerk qhov webpage (www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk) nrog rau livestream links, tsoom peej xeeb tuaj koom thiab yuav muab tej lus nug li cas, hom phiaj sib tham thiab daim ntawm sib tham. Tag nrho lub Nroog Cov Nom Tswv sib tham yuav muaj tawm

nyob rau Comcast Public Access Channel 96, qhov website livestream, thiab kev tso tawm rau sab nraum (www.cityofmerced.org/about-merced/social-media-center).

CEEB TOOM SIB HAWM MUAB LUS RAU TSOOM PEJ XEEM NUG KOM TSAWG RAU LUB CAIJ UAS THAM TXOG YUAV SIV TSOOM FWV (CDBG-CV) POB NYIAJ

Thaum lub 4/30/2020, Nroog Merced tau tshaj tawm tag nrho nws tej kev tsim kho uas yuav zam tej teeb meem tam sim ntawm rau qhov chaw saib xyuas vaj tsev (HUD) raws li ua tau. Muaj kev zam los ntawm kev tsim kho thiab tswv yim ntawm lub zej zog (CPD). Tej kev pab cuam thiab tej yam tswv yim uas yuav tau ua los tiv thaiv tus kab mob COVID-19 thiab xwm txheej tshwm sim los ntawm tus kab mob CONVID-19. Tej uas yuav tso cai zam kom tsawg ib txwm muab sij hawm li 30 hnub rau xoj kev muab lus nug qhov tsawg yog 5 hnub rau tej ntaub ntawv thiab tej sij hawm muab lus nug thiab tso cai rau lub nroog uas yam twg yuav zam yam twg yuav cia siv mus txog 6/30/2021, lwm yam cuam tshuam txog tus kab mob CONVID-19 uas tsim nyog yuav ntxiv rau qhov tswv yim yuav ua rau xyoo 2019, nroog rau tej ntaub ntawv tau hnub los ntawm lub 2/16/2021. HUD tau kom lub nroog hais rau tej pej xeem ib yam nkaus. Kev sib koom tawm tswv yim ntxiv lub 5/18/2021 nroog rau pej xeem tuaj koom qhov tseeb thiab lub sij hawm qhov yuav ua ntawm tsoom fwv, hauv xeev los yog hauv nroog tej teeb meem tshwm sim uas tsim nyog yuav muab tej nyiaj ntawm tsoom fwv cov los pab rau.

YUAV TAU TSHAJ TAWM TSO TSHAV PHUAV KOM POM THIAB TEJ LUS NUG SAU TUAJ SAUM TOJ QHIA DUA NTXIV SIJ HAWM 8:00 A.M. RAU HNUP TUESSAY, 2/9/2021 TXOG RAU 5:00 P.M. HNUP TUESDAY, 2/16/2021 NROG TEJ TXHEEJ TXHEEM NRAM QAB NO:

- Qhia tej ntaub ntawv uas ua tau lawm los saib li hauv qab no: 1) Tsev Loom qhov website: www.cityofmerced.org/departments/economic-development/housing-division; 2) xa email: housing@cityofmerced.org tau txhua hnub ua ntej 2:00 p.m. rau lub 2/16/2021, thiab 3) mus klag rau ntawm chaw ua hauj lwm tsev loom, City Hall theem 2, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced txog rau 5:00 p.m hnub Tuesday 2/16/2021.
- Cov lus nug uas sau thiab hais lus yuav tau xa mus li 5 hnub 1) email rau housing@cityofmerced.org (thov sau li 500 los lus xwb), los yog 2) kaw lus rau tus xov tooj 209-385-6863 (thov hais li 3 feeb xwb); 3) xa los yog mus ntsib ib tus neeg tim ntsej tim muag ntawm tsev loom rau 5:00 p.m. hnub 2/16/2021, 4) los yog xa tej lus mus rau tsev loom, ntawm Nroog Merced, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 (yuav tsum tau txais rau lub 2/16/2021).
- Lub nroog yuav tso tawm tej yam tsawg (1-10 nplooj) tej ntaub ntawv rau hauv daim iav uas saib pom nyob sab nraum hauv Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA ntawm tej lus cim xwm.
- Cov lus nug uas xa ncaj nraim mus rau tus neeg ua hauj lwm ntawm qhov chaw mloog tej lus rau tus neeg ua hauj lwm raws sib hawm uas yuav muab los twm los yog mam rov qab muab los saib xyuas thaum muaj rooj sib thaam. Tej txuj tshiab uas yuav tso cai, cov pej xeem leej twg tau xa cov lus cim xwm lawm xav hu xov tooj lub sij hawm cov coj ntawm lub nroog muaj kev sib tham hauv xov tooj yog leej twg muaj lus ntxiv los tham tau rau lub cai ntawm.

Xa Tuaj Ntawm: Tus Tuav Ntaub Ntawv Hauv Nroog

Tus Tuav Ntaub Ntawv
Ntawm Nroog Merced

Tso Tawm: 1/28/2021

/s/ Kim Nutt
Jun Nutt, Tus Tuav Tsev Loom

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Attention: Kim Nutt

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
678 W. 15TH ST.
MERCED, CA 95340

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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CONSOLIDATED AND 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS AND
NOTICE OF HUD WAIVERS TO THE ADOPTED CITY OF MERCED
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC
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County of Merced) ss.



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April 30, 2020


I April 30, 2020

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

Date: 30th day of April, 2020


Notary Signature

LAWETH WILSON CORP INC
My Notary ID # 131052308
Expires January 25, 2023

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to allow the public to provide notice and public comment procedures:

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Attention: City Clerk
 CITY CLERK
 CITY OF MERCED
 /s/ Kim Nott
 Kim Nott, Housing Program
 Publish: April 30, 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Dated this 30th of April, 2020

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- Members of the public may submit comments during the five-day comment period specified in the section above via: 1) by email of 500 words or less to housing@cityofmerced.org, or, 2) by leaving a voicemail no longer than three minutes in length to 209-385-6863.
- Comments received may be read or received at the scheduled City Council meeting. Technology permitting, members of the public who have submitted comments may be called during the scheduled teleconferenced City Council meeting to provide additional comments during the meeting in real time.
- The teleconferenced City Council meetings will be broadcast on Comcast Public Access Channel 96, through website livestream, and via a live social media feed on Facebook. Please see the City Clerks webpage (www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk) for more City Council Meeting information, including livestream links, procedures, and agendas.

Attention: City Clerk

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Publish: April 30, 2020

/s/ Kim Nutt
Kim Nutt, Housing Program Specialist

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Attention: Kim Nutt

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
 AND REQUEST FOR
 PROGRAM & PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
 CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COVID-19
 (CDBG-CV) SPECIAL ALLOCATION TO BE USED TO PREVENT,
 PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS
 AUTHORIZED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECO-
 NOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT)**

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Merced, as a HUD entitlement Grantee, that it will be receiving a \$661,245 special allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used toward public service programs and projects that help to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, in response to the growing effects of this public health crisis. These funds will also be made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CARES Act eliminates the 15 percent cap on the amount of grant funds that can be used for public service activities; however, all activities must adhere to CDBG guidelines, CFR Section 58.231(c), and shall seek to prioritize the needs of low and moderate-income persons adversely affected and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors.

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Applications shall be in .PDF format and emailed to: Housing@cityofmerced.org by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020.

All related information will be posted on the City of Merced's Housing Division website, www.cityofmerced.org, (then navigate to Housing Division), as it becomes available. The Housing Division will host a telephone information meeting to help answer any questions (date, time, and call-in information to be determined and will be posted on the website).

This NOFA notice also corrects the regular CDBG allocation NOFA and application request notice published in this publication on February 20, 2020, that informed interested applicants that a public hearing was planned for May 4, 2020, to adopt the 2023-24 Consolidation Plan and the 2020 Action Plan. Due to necessary changes that need to be made to both City and HUD citizens participation provisions in response to the Coronavirus crisis and social distancing requirements, it has become necessary to postpone this action to a future Council Meeting (date to be determined).

For additional information please call 368-5363 (twice), or send E-mail to: housing@cityofmerced.org

Attention: City Clerk
 CITY CLERK
 CITY OF MERCED

Printed: April 14, 2020
 At: Kim Nutt
 Kim Nutt, Housing Program Specialist

Declaration of Publication 2015.5 C.C.P.

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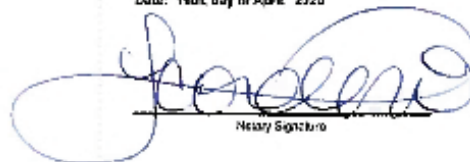
I am a citizen of the United States, I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Merced Sun-Star, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the city of Merced, County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under its date of July 14, 1984 Case Number 93224 that the notice, of which this annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and online issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

April 16, 2020


 Legal Clerk

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

Date: 14th day of April, 2020


 Notary Signature

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COUNTY OF MERCED

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the printer/foreman or principal clerk of The Merced County Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Merced, County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of December 14, 1999, Case Number 143600; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FUNDING

Publication Date: 04-16-2020

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


Dated this 16th of April 2020

Proof of Publication - Merced County Times, 2221 K St., Merced, Adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of December 14, 1999, Case Number 143600; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"



April 15, 2020

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The funding applications will be reviewed and awarded at a future City Council meeting (date to be determined) and subsequently packaged for approval by HUD. An opportunity for public comment will be provided in this process.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Nutt".

Kim Nutt
Housing Program Specialist
City of Merced Housing Division

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICES – HUD ANNUAL PLAN 2019

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

Hamilton, Mark

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

November 20, 2018

Hello, Kim and Mark:

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

Have a good evening!

Kirk

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

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

Thank you!

Kim Nutt

Housing Program Specialist I
City of Merced Housing Department
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, California 95340
Office: 209-388-8988 | eFax: 209-388-7317





November 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Mark Hamilton
Housing Program Supervisor
City of Merced Housing Division

Enclosures

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

Planned Parenthood
3166 Collins Drive
Merced, CA 95348

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

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

Atwater United Methodist Church
2550 Linden St
Atwater, CA 95301

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

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

Center of Vision Enhancement
1240 D Street
Merced, CA 95344

Bible Christian Church
PO Box 259
LeGrand, CA 95333

Riordan Tranquility Village
559 Mendocino Court
Atwater, CA 95301

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

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

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

Calvary Temple
2740 N. Hwy 59
Merced, CA 95348

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

Central Valley Opportunity Ctr
PO Box 1388
Winton, CA 95388

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

Church of Christ
2050 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

Church of Nazarene
1374 Shaffer Rd
Atwater, CA 95301

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

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

JMJ Maternity Homes
1694 Grove Ave.
Atwater, CA 95301

Merced County Mental Health
PO Box 2087
Merced, CA 95344

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

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

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

Evangelical Free Church
2876 North G Street
Merced, CA 95340

Love Inc.
PO Box 2141
Merced, CA 95344

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

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

First Assembly of God
1350 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

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

United Way
531 W. Main Street
Merced, CA 95340

First Baptist Church
1683 Fifth St
Atwater, CA 95301

First Baptist Church
500 Buena Vista Dr
Merced, CA 95348

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

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

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

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

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

Valley Crisis Center
1960 P Street
Merced, CA 95340

Hobie House
1301 Yosemite Parkway
Merced, CA 95340

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

Alliance For Community
Transformations
PO Box 2075
Mariposa, CA 95338

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

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

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

Merced Co Workforce Investment
1880 Wardrobe Ave
Merced, CA 95341

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

Landmark Missionary Baptist
PO Box 2412
Merced, CA 95344

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

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

Merced County Food Bank
PO Box 1822
Winton, CA 95388

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

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

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

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

New Beginnings Fellowship
PO Box 3888
Merced, CA 95344

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

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

Yosemite Church 2230 E. Yosemite Ave Merced, CA 95340	St. Vincent DePaul 131 W. Main Street Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Human Services Agency 2115 Wardrobe Avenue Merced, CA 95341
Second Baptist Church 501 Q Street Merced, CA 95340	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran 1455 E. Yosemite Ave Merced, CA 95340	Bible Baptist Church 3840 N. Santa Fe Drive Atwater, CA 95301
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox P.O. Box 3704 Merced, CA 95340	Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus 630 Kearney Ave Modesto, CA 95350	Grace Community Church 290 E. Main Street, Merced, CA
St. Vincent DePaul 131 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Arts Council 645 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340	Synple Equazion 2827 G Street Merced, CA 95340
United Families of Merced 3932 Finch Ct. Merced, CA 95340	Merced County Assoc. Gov. 369 W. 18 th Street Merced, CA 95340	Erin Meyer Office of Leadership, Service & Career 5200 North Lake Road Merced, CA 95340
Valley Baptist Church 3312 N. G Street Merced, CA 95340	Craig Potter O.Rhyen Capital Management, LLC 823 N Harbor Blvd Fullerton, CA 92832	Love Faith and Hope Inc P.O. Box 1162 Merced, CA 95341
Boys and Girls Club PO Box 470 Merced, CA 95341	Habitat for Humanity, Merced P.O. Box 423 Atwater, CA 95301	Challenged Family Resource Center 827 W 20 th St Merced, CA 95340
The Enrichment Center 645 W. Main St Merced, CA 95340	Christina Alley CVOAH 3351 "M" St., Ste: 100 Merced, CA 95348	Merced County Food Bank 2000 W Olive Ave Merced, CA 95348
COVE 1901 G Street Merced, CA 95340	Rainbow Valley Group Home, Inc 2841 G St Merced, CA 95340	Court Appointed Special Advocates of Merced County 2824 Park Ave, Ste A Merced, CA 95348
Project Sentinel 1231 8 th St. Ste. 425 Merced, CA 95354	Golden Valley Health Centers Foundation 737 W Childs Ave Merced, CA 95340	Lifeline Community Development Corporation of Merced County 731 E Yosemite Ave Ste B Merced, CA 95340

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

California Canine Academy
5659 W Brooks Rd
Merced CA 95341

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

Ace Overcomers of Merced County
PO Box 734
Merced CA 95341

Hamilton, Mark

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

November 20, 2018

Hello, Mark and Kim:

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

Thank you,

Kirk

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

Kirk

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

Regards,

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Attention: City Clerk.

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Publish: November 20, 2018

_____/s/ Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton, Housing Supervisor

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds will soon be available to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Of those funds, a maximum of 15% of the City's CDBG allocation is for eligible Public Service activities (services must adhere to CDBG guidelines CFR 245.201 et al). A minimum of 15% of the City's HOME allocation must be allocated to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Persons must adhere to CHDO guidelines CFR 245.201. Of the CDBG administrative funds, the Housing Division will be requesting applications from non-profit organizations that have capacity to provide Environmental and Construction Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations these are activities typically, although not exclusively, undertaken by community organizations. An information guide can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Program at 508 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Three public meetings will be held November 26, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019 at various locations in the community. A Public Hearing will be held before the Merced City Council at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 5, 2019, to adopt the City of Merced HUD Annual Plan that will contain specific recommendations for expenditure for fiscal year 2019/2020. For additional information, please call 202-4663 (voice), or send E-mail to: home@cityofmerced.org (202) 365-0124 (toll)

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Customer Address
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MERCED CA 95340 USA

Customer Phone
209-385-6863

Customer Fax

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

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

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

Childs & B Street Development Project - The project is approximately 120 units combining units designated for affordable housing with permanent supportive housing located at Childs and B Street. In addition to the units designated from affordable housing, the project is proposing to construct a multi-modal bus stop, neighborhood infrastructure improvements, and street improvements to Childs Avenue and B Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The proposed neighborhood meetings are scheduled at locations shown below.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Fire Station #55 3320 Morris Parsons Ave.
Thursday, January 3, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Merced Senior Center 753 W. 15th Street
Thursday, February 7, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Sam Plaza Regan (City Hall) 618 W. 10th Street

For special arrangements and more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-6882.
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Attention:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program funds will be available to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Of these funds, a maximum of 3% of the City's CDBG allocation is for eligible public service activities. Services must adhere to CDBG guidelines (CFR #1200.4). A minimum of 15% of the City's HOME allocation must be designated to a Community Housing Development Organization's (CHDO) services must adhere to CHDO guidelines (CFR #903.1). All the CDBG administrative funds, the Housing Division will be receiving applications from non-profit organizations, not for-profit entities, to provide Environmental and Community Care Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations, these are eligible, but only through an exclusive agreement by community organizations. An information guide can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Program at 578 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Three public meetings will be held: November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019 at various locations in the community. A Public Hearing will be held during the Merced City Council of 2:30 P.M. on Monday, Nov. 6, 2018, in which the City of Merced HUD Annual Plan that will contain specific recommendations for all programs for fiscal year 2019/2020. For additional information please call 202-7433 (ext.) or email: homeinvestment@merced.org (MFR-2018-1127)

**Declaration of Publication
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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 County of Merced)

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

November 22, 2018

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


Date: 25th day of November, 2018

Cynthia A. Williams

Signature

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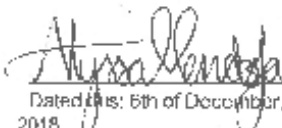
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the printer/foreman or principal clerk of The Merced County Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Merced, County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of December 14, 1999, Case Number 143600; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOP)
WINNING PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/23

Community Development Dept. is set to receive funding for the "Rapid Response" program. The program is designed to provide rapid response to the needs of the community. The program is designed to provide rapid response to the needs of the community. The program is designed to provide rapid response to the needs of the community.

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

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Date: 25th day of November, 2018

Cynthia A. Mammone

Signature

CITY OF MERCED HUD 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

The City of Merced Housing Division is in the process of preparing the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive five-year plan that outlines the city's goals for the next five years. The plan includes a variety of programs and services that are designed to address the needs of the community. The plan also includes a budget and a timeline for the implementation of the plan.

Citizen Participation - A detailed citizen participation plan that provides information on the implementation of low, very low and extremely low income housing to address where housing and community development funds could be spent.

Child, At-Risk Street Development Project - The project is approximately 100 units of combined units designed for affordable housing to be constructed in the historic housing located at Child and B Street. In addition to the units constructed from affordable housing, the project is planning to construct a multi-modal bus stop, pedestrian infrastructure improvements, and street improvements to Child Avenue and B Street.

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

Housing and Community Development Strategy - A strategic plan that identifies needs and resources, and provides a coordinated housing and community development strategy. The strategy must be developed to provide decent housing, affordable housing, a vibrant and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low, very-low and extremely low income residents.

Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds - A list of activities the City will undertake during the 2019-2020 program year to achieve priority goals and local objectives with anticipated revenue from one fund received under the HUD/CDBG, and other HUD programs for meeting housing and community development objectives.

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

Continuum of Care (CoC) - The CoC is the organization responsible for coordinating a continuum of care services within the community. Staff will provide information on the requirements to become the responsible organization. Any organization interested in becoming the CoC must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

In order to establish the plan, the City of Merced is holding input from a focus group regarding what the needs and priorities should be for the continuation of City Housing funds for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Three public meetings will be held November 29, 2018, January 3, 2019, and February 7, 2019, at various locations in the community. Furthermore, a public hearing will take place on May 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Merced in the City Hall Council Chambers to review the 2019 HUD Ann Action Plan.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 29, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Fire Station #55 2075 North Parsons Ave.
Thursday, January 3, 2019	6:00 p.m.	Mercer Senior Center 733 W. 18th Street
Thursday, February 7, 2019	3:00 p.m.	Sam Pines Room City Hall 678 W. 18th Street

For special accommodations and more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-3363.
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ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR

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CITY OF MERCED 2018-2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

The City of Merced is hereby publishing the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive plan that outlines the City's goals, objectives, and strategies for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The plan is a living document that will be updated as the City's needs and circumstances change.

- The City of Merced is a diverse community with a rich history and a bright future. The City's goals and objectives are designed to address the needs of all residents and to create a sustainable and thriving community.
- The City's goals and objectives are based on the following principles:
 - Economic Development: The City will continue to attract and retain businesses and industries that create jobs and generate revenue.
 - Housing and Community Development: The City will provide affordable housing and improve the quality of life for all residents.
 - Health and Community Development: The City will promote healthy living and community development.
 - Safety and Security: The City will ensure the safety and security of all residents.
 - Transportation: The City will improve the transportation system and reduce traffic congestion.
 - Environment: The City will protect and enhance the natural environment.
 - Culture and Recreation: The City will promote and support cultural and recreational activities.
- The City's goals and objectives are supported by a variety of programs and services, including:
 - Economic Development: The City's Economic Development Department will provide assistance to businesses and industries.
 - Housing and Community Development: The City's Housing and Community Development Department will provide affordable housing and improve the quality of life for all residents.
 - Health and Community Development: The City's Health and Community Development Department will promote healthy living and community development.
 - Safety and Security: The City's Police Department will ensure the safety and security of all residents.
 - Transportation: The City's Transportation Department will improve the transportation system and reduce traffic congestion.
 - Environment: The City's Environment Department will protect and enhance the natural environment.
 - Culture and Recreation: The City's Culture and Recreation Department will promote and support cultural and recreational activities.

The City's goals and objectives are supported by a variety of programs and services, including:

- Economic Development: The City's Economic Development Department will provide assistance to businesses and industries.
- Housing and Community Development: The City's Housing and Community Development Department will provide affordable housing and improve the quality of life for all residents.
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Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 22, 2018	5:00 p.m.	City of Merced, 2221 K St., Merced, California 95341
Thursday, January 3, 2019	5:00 p.m.	City of Merced, 2221 K St., Merced, California 95341
Thursday, February 1, 2019	5:00 p.m.	City of Merced, 2221 K St., Merced, California 95341

The Annual Action Plan is a living document that will be updated as the City's needs and circumstances change. The City's goals and objectives are supported by a variety of programs and services, including:

- Economic Development: The City's Economic Development Department will provide assistance to businesses and industries.
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Alyssa Lennox
Dated this 6th of December,
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From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Nutt, Kim
Subject: FW: Public Notice - Draft Review - 30-Day Availability - 2019
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*Mark Hamilton
Housing Program Supervisor
(209) 385-6863 – Main
(209) 388-8989 – Direct*

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

Good Afternoon,

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

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

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

Regards.

Mark Hamilton

Housing Program Supervisor

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*Mark Hamilton
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From: Hamilton, Mark
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 1:35 PM
To: 'Shay Gordon' <shay@midvalleypub.com>
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The attached is a Public Notice needing to be published by the Housing Division (City of Merced) for the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan project.

Please include the attached notice in the next available Merced County Times press run.

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

Regards,

Mark Hamilton

Housing Program Supervisor

(209) 385-6863 – Main

(209) 386-8989 – Direct

Nutt, Kim

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

May 17, 2019

Hi, Mark and Kim:

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

Have a good weekend!

Kirk

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

No worries

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

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

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

Regards,

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

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

May 16, 2019

Hello, Kim:

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

The City of Merced's 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan applies to fiscal year 2019-20, which begins July 1, 2019, and ends June 30, 2020. A draft version of the 2019 Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comment from May 16, 2019, to June 17, 2019. A copy can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Division at 678 West 18th Street, 2nd floor, Merced, or on the City's website: www.cityofmerced.org/housing.

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

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

Attention: City Clerk.

CITY CLERK
CITY OF MERCED

Publish: May 16, 2019

_____/s/ Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton, Housing Supervisor



CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, STEPHANIE DIETZ, City Clerk of the City of Merced, California, do hereby certify that the attached document, entitled:

RESOLUTION 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #3 TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CDBG-CV FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THIRD ROUND ALLOCATIONS OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND/OR SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM THIS ALLOCATION; CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT ALL APPROVED DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the Office of the Merced City Clerk, Merced, California.

DATED: February 17, 2021

STEPHANIE DIETZ, CITY CLERK



BY: _____

JOHN TRESIDDER
Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING AMENDMENT #3 TO THE
PROGRAM YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION
PLAN ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL U.S.
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CDBG-
CV FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH
THIRD ROUND ALLOCATIONS OF THE
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC
SECURITY ACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED
DOCUMENTS AND/OR SUBRECIPIENT
AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM THIS
ALLOCATION; CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG) PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF
TO SUBMIT ALL APPROVED DOCUMENTS TO
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, as a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement community, the City of Merced is required to develop a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan when it makes changes to its planned or actual activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the City of Merced develop, in consultation with its citizens and community-based service providers, a funding strategy that furthers its housing and community development goals as described in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2015-2020; and

WHEREAS, citizen participation is a key component of the Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan process; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require the City provide ample opportunity and means for the populations served by the grants, as well as the general citizenry, to provide input on the goals and priorities and the specific type of activities to be funded in the City's Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; and

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WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State of California issued an Order of the State Public Health Officer that ordered all individuals to stay at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors and on or March 16, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution confirming and ratifying the existence of a local emergency within the territorial limits of the City of Merced proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on March 13, 2020, in response to the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, after a short and limited reopening that began in September of 2020, the State of California issued a Regional Stay At Home Order effective December 7, 2020, for the San Joaquin Valley closing all sectors other than retail and essential operations where less than 15 percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds are available, and Merced County ICU availability has remained at 0.0 percent since the Order became effective; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act – H.R. 748); and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, HUD granted approval of the City of Merced's Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan that was approved by City Council on May 18, 2020, for use of reprogrammed CDBG funds and First Round CARES Act CDBG-CV funds that were released to the City of Merced on April 1, 2020, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus, and which allocated such funding to rental and utility payment assistance, food bank assistance, and microenterprise and small business assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, HUD released a Third Round CDBG-CV funding allocation to the City of Merced in the amount of \$532,327; and

WHEREAS, the bill under Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) waives the 30-day comment period for a substantial amendment and reduces it to no less than five (5) days; it eliminates the in-person public hearing and allows grantees the option of holding virtual hearings; it suspends the 15 percent cap on public services, including FY 19 and FY 20 CDBG funds; it allows HUD to waive further requirements (except related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment); and it allows the grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities for costs incurred on or after January 21, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, \$532,327 of these CDBG-CV funds will be allocated to the existing Public Services Projects to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the HUD approved waiver for the Citizens Participation Plan requirements, a minimum 5-day public period to review and comment on the draft amendment opened Tuesday, February 9, 2021, included a public hearing at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, and closed Tuesday, February 16, 2021; and citizen participation was conducted partly in person and online, and through voicemail and email comment; and the Plan was available at the Housing Division office and on the City of Merced website; and,

WHEREAS, in the event HUD provides opportunity for extended or new waiver(s) of Citizen Participation Plan requirements during federally declared disasters or other unforeseen circumstance, and in preparation for additional allocations of CARES Act or other federal emergency funding, at its meeting of May 18, 2020, the City Council established amended procedures for public notice, public review and comment, and citizen participation that enables the City to redirect resources expeditiously to the most immediate community needs.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby approves Amendment #3 to the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related thereto, and staff is authorized to submit all documents to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 7 Council Members: BLAKE, BOYLE, ECHEVARRIA, ORNELAS, PEREZ, SERRATO, SHELTON

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:


Mayor


ATTEST:
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: 
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 1/14/2021
City Attorney Date

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CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
675 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	21-108	Version:	1	Name:	
Type:	Public Hearing Item	Status:	Passed		
File created:	1/26/2021	In control:	City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority		
On agenda:	2/16/2021	Final action:	2/16/2021		
Title:	<p>SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving Amendment #3 to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to Allocate Additional Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds Made Available Through Third-Round Allocations of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in the Amount of Approximately \$532,327 for Public Services Activities Including, but not Limited to, Rent, Mortgage, Utility and Food Assistance; and, Opportunity for Public Comment and Participation and Awarding the Funding as Directed by Council</p> <p>REPORT IN BRIEF Considers a second substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for allocation of additional Third-Round HUD CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and, provides an opportunity for the public to provide input during the public hearing as to the use of these funds towards the immediate community needs that were previously identified in the first round of CARES Act allocations.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION City Council - Adopt a motion:</p> <p>A. Adopting Resolution 2021-08, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Amendment #3 to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan allocating additional U.S. Housing and Urban Development CDBG-CV funds made available through Third-Round allocations of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; authorizing the City Manager to execute any related documents and/or subrecipient agreements resulting from this allocation; certifying compliance with the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and authorizing staff to submit all approved documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,</p> <p>B. Approving Amendment #3 (Second Substantial Amendment) to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to add the additional \$532,327 of anticipated CDBG-CV funding resources allocated to the City by HUD and to appropriate the balance of these additional funds towards the existing Public Service activities of Subsistence Payments (rent/mortgage/utility assistance) and Food Bank Assistance; and,</p> <p>C. Unless the Council provides alternative direction, awarding the following recommended additional funding of Public Services for Coronavirus response: 1) \$215,164 to Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project for the existing rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program; 2) \$215,163 to the Salvation Army for the existing rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program; and 3) \$100,000 to the Merced County Food Bank for the existing Food Bank Assistance program; and,</p> <p>D. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary HUD-related documents and subsequent contractual subrecipient agreements for services in order to hasten implementation of the awarded funds; and,</p> <p>E. Requesting staff return to the City Council with Information Only contracts as they are executed and implemented; and,</p>				

F. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments.

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Attachments: 1. Summary of Proposed Second Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan, 2. Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Coronavirus Response, 3. Public Notice (English) - Notice of Public Hearing/Opportunity for Citizen Participation, 4. HUD - Notification of Third Round CARES Act Allocation, 5. Draft Resolution

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/16/2021	1	City Council/Public Finance and Economic Development Authority/Parking Authority		

Report Prepared by: Kimberly Nutt, Housing Program Supervisor, Development Services Department/Housing Division

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REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers a second substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for allocation of additional Third-Round HUD CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and, provides an opportunity for the public to provide input during the public hearing as to the use of these funds towards the immediate community needs that were previously identified in the first round of CARES Act allocations.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Adopting Resolution 2021-08, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving Amendment #3 to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan allocating additional U.S. Housing and Urban Development CDBG-CV funds made available through Third-Round allocations of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; authorizing the City Manager to execute any related documents and/or subrecipient agreements resulting from this allocation; certifying compliance with the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and authorizing staff to submit all approved documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

B. Approving Amendment #3 (Second Substantial Amendment) to the Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to add the additional \$532,327 of anticipated CDBG-CV funding resources allocated to the City by HUD and to appropriate the balance of these additional funds towards the existing Public Service activities of Subsistence Payments (rent/mortgage/utility assistance) and

Food Bank Assistance; and,

C. Unless the Council provides alternative direction, awarding the following recommended additional funding of Public Services for Coronavirus response: 1) \$216,164 to Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project for the existing rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program; 2) \$216,163 to the Salvation Army for the existing rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program; and 3) \$100,000 to the Merced County Food Bank for the existing Food Bank Assistance program; and,

D. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary HUD-related documents and subsequent contractual subrecipient agreements for services in order to hasten implementation of the awarded funds; and,

E. Requesting staff return to the City Council with Information Only contracts as they are executed and implemented; and,

F. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to conditions as specified by the City Council; or,
3. Deny the request; or,
4. Refer back to staff for reconsideration of specific items as requested by the Council; or,
5. Defer action to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2019-20 Adopted Budget, 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, and 2019 Annual Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

Background and Past Council Actions

As an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Merced, in addition to adopting a five-year Consolidated Plan, is required to annually adopt an Annual Action Plan that describes and outlines the activities and use of Federal funds allocated to the City by HUD that address the community's needs, as identified by the input of community members and residents. Following adoption of these plans by first Council and then HUD, the proposed use of funds may be carried out by Subrecipient organizations or the City itself. Any substantial change in the approved use of funds that affects more than 75% of the allocation of funding in any project and/or total distribution must undergo a new public hearing process to approve a Substantial Amendment, which is subsequently submitted to HUD for re-approval.

In April of 2020, the City of Merced received notice from HUD of an immediate "first round" special allocation of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), that was signed into Public

Law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act gave HUD authority to distribute Coronavirus response funding in three "tranches", or rounds of funding, from which Merced received \$861,246 in the First Round. Second Round CARES Act funds were directly allocated to States and other areas to distribute and manage.

Following Council public hearings in May and June of 2020 to identify the community's immediate needs with regards to the impact and local effects of the pandemic, reallocate regular CDBG funding towards Coronavirus programming, award funding to qualified organizations to carry out programs, and amend the Citizen Participation Plan with special citizen participation and comment period procedures during times of disaster, HUD approved the City's First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan on September 4, 2020. Implementation of these funds is nearly complete as of the writing of this report.

Third Round CARES Act Funds - Second Substantial Amendment

On September 11, 2020, HUD sent notification that the HUD Secretary had allocated an additional \$532,327 of Third Round CARES Act funding to the City. Accordingly, as the anticipated use of funding meets the requirements that trigger a Substantial Amendment process, the City must follow its adopted procedures for citizen participation and comment during Federal, State, or locally-declared disasters in holding a public hearing and providing citizens an opportunity to provide comment and participate in the process.

Last Spring, during the required five-day comment period, from written comment submissions, and from comments received at a public hearing, citizens expressed a strong and urgent need for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance programs, food bank assistance, and small business assistance to help ensure that residents and business owners could avoid risk of eviction and foreclosure leading to homelessness, obtain food in the midst of supply chain disruptions and income loss, and sustain economically through shutdowns and the difficult times ahead. As a direct result of this input and through partnership with local non-profit organizations, programs that help address these needs have been implemented through the First Round HUD allocation and, in part, by Second Round State CDBG-CV funding to small businesses.

The community's immediate needs, and therefore the best use of funding, for this new Third Round funding have not noticeably changed over the last nine months. For this reason, staff proposes to allocate Third Round funding to existing activities and programs already in place, and to the same organizations, as follows:

<u>Identified Community Need</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Third Round Funds</u>
Rent/mortgage/utility assistance	Sierra Saving Grace	\$216,164
Rent/mortgage/utility assistance	Salvation Army	\$216,163
Food Bank Assistance	Merced Co. Food Bank	\$100,000
	Total:	\$532,327

Under this proposed allocation, the total of First and Third-Round funds for each previously approved organization would be: 1) Sierra Saving Grace, \$316,164; 2) Salvation Army, \$302,648; and 3) Merced County Food Bank, \$200,000. Amendments to the current contract would be necessary, and as previously allowed by Council, these fully executed contracts will come back to Council in the form of an Information Item on a future agenda.

That said, different or alternative urgent community needs may be brought to light and identified after a new five-day comment period to be held from February 9 - February 16, 2021, which staff will include in their presentation to Council, in addition to the comments that will be received at this public hearing. HUD emphasizes that the needs of low- and moderate-income persons should be prioritized in planning for use of funds. If alternative immediate needs are in fact identified that would point to a better use of the new allocation, and pending Council direction as such, a new funding request application process will need to be opened to recruit the assistance of partner organizations to help address and respond to them.

A Public Notice was published in English, Spanish, and Hmong languages in the Merced Sun-Star and Merced County Times newspapers on January 28, 2021, notifying the public of this public hearing, describing the proposed amendment and use of funds, and of the opportunity to review and comment. In addition, the notices were posted on the City's outside bulletin board and were posted on two places on the City's website. In the notices and on the Housing Division webpage, citizens were given instructions on the methods they could submit their comments.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The new allocation of CDBG-CV funds will increase the City's total allocation of CDBG-CV funds to \$1,193,573, in addition to \$125,239 of repurposed regular CDBG funding that Council had approved in last spring's amendment for the first round allocation. There is no anticipated impact to the General Fund.

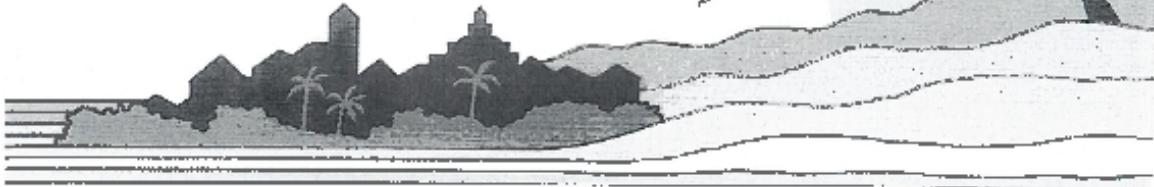
Coronavirus program funding using the additional \$532,327 CDBG-CV allocation will be from Fund 018.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary of Proposed Second Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan
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5. Draft Resolution

CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"



CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, STEVEN S. CARRIGAN, City Clerk of the City of Merced, California, do hereby certify that the attached document, entitled:

RESOLUTION 2020-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MERCED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND AMENDMENT #2 TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT REALLOCATING FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 CDBG FUNDING TOWARDS COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND/OR SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM THIS ALLOCATION; CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT ALL APPROVED DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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DATED: May 19, 2020

STEVEN S. CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK



BY:

JENNIFER LEVESQUE
Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

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WHEREAS, as a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement community, the City of Merced is required to develop a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan when it makes changes to its planned or actual activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the City of Merced develop, in consultation with its citizens and community-based service providers, a funding strategy that furthers its housing and community development goals as described in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2015-2020; and

WHEREAS, citizen participation is a key component of the Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan process; and

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WHEREAS, \$81,565 of 2019-2020 CDBG funds will be reallocated to Public Services Projects from Development Projects/HUD 108 payment; and

WHEREAS, \$4,920 of 2019-2020 CDBG funds will be reallocated from First Time Homebuyer Classes to other Public Services Projects; and

WHEREAS, \$30,000 for funding of CDBG/Public Services/Project Sentinel-Fair Housing will be reallocated and funded from HOME Administrative Funds; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the HUD approved waiver for the Citizens Participation Plan requirements, a 5-day public period to review and comment on the draft amendment opened Monday, May 4, 2020, includes a public hearing at the City Council meeting on May 4, 2020, and will close Friday, May 8, 2020; and citizen participation was conducted completely online, and through voicemail and email comment; and the Plan is available on the City of Merced website; and,

WHEREAS, in the event HUD provides opportunity for extended or new waiver(s) of Citizen Participation Plan requirements during federally declared disasters or other unforeseen circumstance, the City is establishing amended procedures for public notice, public review and comment, and citizen participation that enables the City to redirect resources expeditiously to the most immediate community needs.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby approves the amendment to the City of Merced Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan; and Amendment #2 to the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan; and amendments to the 2017 Citizen Participation Plan. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related thereto, and staff is authorized to submit all documents to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of May 2020, by the following vote:

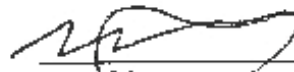
AYES: 7 Council Members: BLAKE, ECHEVARRIA, MARTINEZ, McLEOD, MURPHY, SERRATTO, SREYTON

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: 0 Council Members: NONE


ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

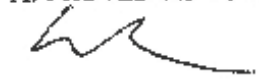
BY: 

Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney 5/4/2020
Date

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DATED: June 18, 2019

STEVEN S. CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY:

JENNIFER LEVESQUE
Deputy City Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of June 2019, by the following vote:

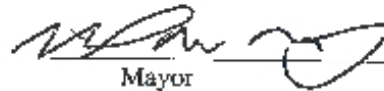
AYES: 6 Council Members: EGREVARRIA, MARTINEZ, MCLEOD,
MURPHY, SERRATTO, SHELTON

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: 1 Council Members: BLAKE

ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: 
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 5-15-19
City Attorney Date



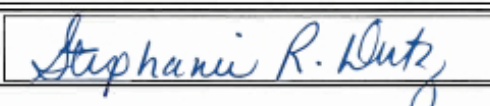
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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<div> <div> * 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application </div> <div> * 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision </div> <div> * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/> </div> </div>		
* 3. Date Received: 07/02/2021		4. Applicant Identifier: CA062250 Merced
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-20-NW-06-0044
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
*a. Legal Name: City of Merced		
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 94-6000371		*c. Organizational DUNS: 1692115540000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 678 W. 18th Street Street2: <input type="text"/> * City: Merced County/Parish: <input type="text"/> * State: CA: California Province: <input type="text"/> * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip / Postal Code: 95340-4700		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Development Services Dept.		Division Name: Housing Division
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/> * First Name: Scott Middle Name: <input type="text"/> * Last Name: McBride Suffix: <input type="text"/> Title: Development Services Director Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/> * Telephone Number: 209-385-6810 Fax Number: <input type="text"/> * Email: mcbrides@cityofmerced.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.218"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="B-20-MW-06-0044"/> * Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant-CV"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <div> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Substantial Amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan - substantial amendments to add First and Third Round CDBG-CV funding allocation to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Coronavirus."/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/> </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="CA-016"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="CA-016"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2019"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2020"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,193,573.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="86,485.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="38,754.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,318,812.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Stephanie"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="R."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Dietz"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="209-385-6834"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="dietzs@cityofmerced.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="08/27/2021"/>

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

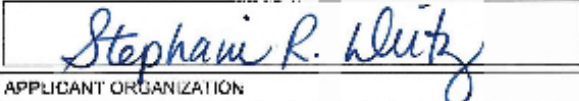
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Merced	07/02/2021

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
Date

City Manager
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2019, 2020, 2021 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
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City Manager
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
Date

City Manager
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
Date

City Manager
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

N/A
Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
Date

Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

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

N/A
Signature of Authorized Official

7/2/2021
Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Merced		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 94-6000371		* c. Organizational DUNS: 1692115540000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 678 W. 18th Street		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: Merced		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: CA: California		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
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* Zip / Postal Code: 95340-4700		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Dept. of Development Services		Division Name: Housing Division
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	07/01/2019
* b. End Date:	06/30/2020
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	499,892.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	60,000.00
* g. TOTAL	559,892.00
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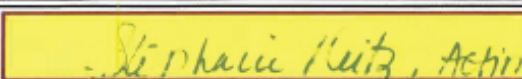
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* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____		
* 3. Date Received: 06/27/2019		4. Applicant Identifier: CA52250 MERCED
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____		5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-18-MC-06-0044
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: _____		7. State Application Identifier: _____
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Merced		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 94-6000371		* c. Organizational DUNS: 1692115540000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 678 M. 18th Street		
Street2: _____		
* City: Merced		
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NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stephen S. Carrigan, Acting City Manager 06/21/2019
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Steven S. Carrigan

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City Manager

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2018, 2019, 2020 shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds)

financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

 06/21/2019
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG- assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Stephanie Diaz, Acting City Manager 06/21/2019
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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Stephanie Wertz, Acting City Manager 06/21/2019
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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Stephanie Alrich, Acting City Manager 06/21/2019
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HUD - Certificates
City of Merced Annual Action Plan 2019 - 2020

☒ This certification does not apply.

☐ This certification is applicable.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

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

Stephani Ditz, Acting City Manager 06/21/2019
Signature/Authorized Official Date

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS
INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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