

FY 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN County of Orange

The Third Annual Action Plan Under the Urban County Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-24



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Urban County Program Participants

City of Brea C
City of Cypress C
City of Dana Point C
City of Laguna Beach
OC Unincorporated Areas S

City of Laguna Hills City of Laguna Woods City of La Palma City of Los Alamitos San Juan Capistrano

City of Seal Beach City of Stanton City of Villa Park

Metro Cities

City of Placentia City of Yorba Linda

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The County of Orange is located along the Pacific Ocean between Los Angeles County to the north and northwest, San Bernardino County to the northeast, Riverside County to the east, and San Diego County to the southeast. Orange County stretches approximately 40 miles along the coast and extends inland approximately 20 miles, covering 798 square miles.

The County, as an urban county entitlement jurisdiction, is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds from HUD to administer programs and projects on behalf of 12 participating urban county cities with populations below 50,000. They include the cities of Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton and Villa Park. In addition, cities with populations over 50,000, are eligible to participate in the CPD programs as entitlement jurisdictions and receive funding directly from HUD. However, the cities of Placentia, San Juan Capistrano and Yorba Linda have elected to join the Urban County for the overall implementation of these programs.

HUD provides annual Community Planning and Development (CPD) grant funds on a formula basis through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to jurisdictions who are to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing and a suitable living environment and the expansion of economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

It is anticipated that the County would receive \$3,515,527 in CDBG for FY 2022-2023. The proposed activities as required by the CBDG regulations must meet one of the following three national objectives:

- 1. Benefit low-moderate income persons, and
- 2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and
- 3. Meet an urgent need.

The County also anticipates receiving \$224,135 as an ESG formula allocation to administer ESG funds in collaboration with the CoC throughout the CoC Service Area, which covers the geographic area of Orange County. The ESG funding supports provision of Essential Services, Shelter Operations rapid rehousing. The ESG program provides funding to:

- 1. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
- 2. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
- 3. Help operate these shelters;
- 4. Provide essential services to shelter residents;
- 5. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and

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6. Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

In addition, the County anticipates receiving \$1,384,437 in HOME program funds to be used often in partnership with local nonprofit organizations, to fund activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.

During 2020-2021, HUD awarded one-time funds that are not anticipated to be awarded in future years. However, since the amount of funds were substantial, it is anticipated that much of these funds will continue to be administered throughout the remainder of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) These funds include the following programs and their eligible activities:

- Round 1 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV1) federal funds authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to be used of activities related to COVID-19 response and recovery. The CARES Act provides extra CDBG funds specifically targeted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Activities include Assistance to businesses and microenterprises impacted by COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and shut-downs; Public services related to COVID-19 support; Facility improvements related to COVID-19 healthcare and homeless housing needs; Acquisition of real property to be used for the treatment or recovery of infectious diseases in response to COVID-19
- Third Round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV3) funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless service assistance; and to support additional homeless service assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. To provide temporary financial assistance to renters and homeowners who, as a result of the financial hardships caused by COVID-19, are struggling to meet their monthly rental or mortgage obligations.
- First and Second Round Emergency Solutions Grant as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act (ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2). The ESG-CV funds are to be used in the prevention, preparation and response for the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance and in the support of additional homeless assistance and homeless service activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. ESG-CV First Round (ESG-CV1) and ESG-CV Second Round (ESG-CV2) funds are to be used in the support of those experiencing homelessness in Orange County and those at risk of becoming homeless in Orange County because of hardships due to COVID-19, including job loss, wage reduction, or illness.

This Annual Action Plan covers the third year of the Con Plan beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Action Plan identifies anticipated levels of funding for the program year, describes the geographic areas in which assistance will be provided, and explains the rationale used. In addition, it provides a summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used this year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the ConPlan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Urban County of Orange incorporated outcome measures for activities in accordance with the Federal Register Notice dated March 7, 2006, which require the following Performance Measure Objectives/Outcomes to be associated with each activity funded:

General Objective Categories- Activities will meet one of the following:

- Decent Housing (DH)
- Suitable Living Environment (SL)
- Economic Opportunity (EO) General

Outcome Categories- Activities will meet one of the following:

- Availability/Accessibility (1)
- Affordability (2)
- Sustainability (3)

In addition to national objectives and performance outcomes, the County must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the County's service delivery system. While other goals the County has set are also important, for the purposes of the Consolidated Plan, only those which are anticipated to be funded with CPD funding programs (CDBG, HOME, and ESG) during the five-year planning cycle are indicated to be high priorities. The County utilizes other funding sources to meet goals that are not considered high priority in the Consolidated Plan. The County established priorities for allocating CPD funds based on a number of criteria, including:

- Urgency of needs
- Cost efficiency
- Eligibility of activities/programs
- Availability of other funding sources to address specific needs
- Funding program limitations
- Capacity and authority for implementing actions
- Consistency with countywide goals, policies, and efforts

Needs that have been determined to be a High Priority level will receive funding during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The priorities for the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, established in consultation with residents and community groups, include the following:

High Priority

- Expand and preserve the supply of affordable housing to create housing opportunities for lowand moderate-income households and homeless individuals and families
- Strengthen, preserve, and enhance the physical character and quality of life in Orange County's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including the housing stock and public infrastructure and facilities.
- Continue to build the capacity of residents to empower themselves and help strengthen their community, through the funding of needed public services for seniors, the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness.
- Planning and administration.

3. Evaluation of past performance

OC Housing and Community Development measures productivity and program impact in accordance with HUD Notices. Besides regular site visits to provide technical assistance to subrecipients, all projects/programs funded by OC Housing and Community Development are officially monitored as needed per fiscal year, which involves the following: performance, compliance, drawdown timeliness and exit monitoring.

- A detailed summary report of prior year's uses and performance is specified in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). As reported in the CAPER for FY 2020-21, the Urban County: A total of (16) public facilities & improvements projects were underway in FY 2020-21, of those, (7) were completed including extended project from FY 2020-21 and (3) were still underway. These projects included ADA accessibility improvements, alleys, curbs/gutters, sidewalks, recreational facilities, senior center and community center(s). A total of \$795,616 was expended for these projects in this program year.
- There were (10)- housing rehabilitations projects were underway, of those, (7) were completed including extended projects from FY 2019-20 and (3) are still underway. The (7) were completed expending a total \$522,281 in this project year.
- A total of (1) economic development were underway in FY 2020-21, of those, (1) was completed that was extended from the previous year and (1) is underway. A total of \$690,527 was expended in this project year.
- A total of (15) public service projects were undertaken and completed in program year 2020-21.
 Public services included senior services, health/ mental health services, employment and educational services, homeless shelters and programs, childcare services and youth services. A total of \$521,322 was expended.
- One (1) project, administration was under-taken to affirmatively further fair housing; a total of \$52,000 was expended.

On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the President signed it authorizing \$2.2 trillion in a variety of stimulus measures. As part of the CARES Act, on April 2, 2020, HUD allocated the first round of funds to the County by regular formula for additional

funding under CDBG-CV1 in the amount of \$1,925,926. This funding is specifically targeted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Also on that day, the County was also allocated ESG-CV1 funding in the amount of \$772,352 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

On June 9, 2020, HUD allocated the second round of CARES Act ESG CV2 funding to the County in the amount of \$4,992,258 to help inform long-term, innovative solutions for addressing homelessness in the future while combatting COVID-19.

Finally, on September 9, 2020, HUD allocated the third round of CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funding to the County in an amount of \$3,784,847 to be used to provide relief to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

While the County received substantial amounts of CDBG-CV1 funds specifically targeted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic the CDBG-CV3 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; ESG-CV1 to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19; and ESG-CV2 funds to help inform long-term, innovative solutions for addressing homelessness in the future while combatting COVID-19, these resources are not sufficient to address all of the needs of low- and moderate-income and special needs residents in the Urban County. However, the Urban County overall has been successful in implementing its public improvement, housing, and public services projects to meet the objectives established in the ConPlan. Overall, the activities have been very successful, and in some cases, have exceeded expectations. The County will continue to proceed in meeting these needs throughout the FY 2020-2024 ConPlan and Annual Action Plans.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Citizen participation is one of the most important components of the Consolidated Plan process. It provides a framework and process by which the County's consolidated planning efforts comply with the citizen participation requirements published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Citizen Participation Plan is prepared and implemented in accordance with the guidance provided in HUD Regulations 24CFR Part 91.105 that requires 30-day public comment period

The requirements for citizen participation do not restrict the responsibility or authority of the County of Orange from the development or execution of its Consolidated Plan. The County of Orange is entitled to receive annual grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. It is the policy of Orange County to ensure adequate citizen involvement, with particular emphasis on participation by low- and moderate-income persons, in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of its housing and community development programs. This plan covers the Urban County of Orange comprised of Participating cities with populations under 50,000 (participating cities), cities with a population over 50,000 that elect to participate in the urban county (metropolitan city) and the unincorporated areas of Orange County. The County of Orange is the lead agency in developing the Citizen Participation Plan.

It is the policy of the County to follow its Citizen Participation Plan and to encourage and facilitate a participation (residents, service providers, government agencies, and others) in the development of all Community Planning and Development (CPD) required consolidated planning documents including the

Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Substantial Amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The primary purpose of the participation will be in needs identification, priority setting, funding allocations, and program recommendations related to the consolidated planning process. The County shall provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on low- and moderate-income persons; persons residing in predominantly low -and moderate-income neighborhoods or slum and blighted areas; and persons residing in areas where the use of CDBG funds is being proposed.

The primary purpose of the CPD programs covered by this Citizen Participation Plan is to improve communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and growing economic opportunities. The County encourages the participation of all its citizens.

The Public Notice of the availability of the Annual Action Plan and notice of Public Hearing was published in the OC Register in English, in La Opinion in Spanish and Nguoi Viet in Vietnamese on March 18, 2022. The Public Comment period will end on April 18, 2022. In addition, electronic links to the draft FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan were available on the Housing & Community Development's website at ochcd.org. In addition, the Public Notice was posted under the Public Notice link. Copies were made available upon written request.

5. Summary of public comments

The County invites and accepts all comments during public comment period as well as during the Public Hearing at the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 26, 2022.

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

The County invites and accepts all comments.

7. Summary

See discussion above.

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	ORANGE COUNTY	OC Community Resources
HOME Administrator	ORANGE COUNTY	OC Community Resources
ESG Administrator	ORANGE COUNTY	OC Community Resources

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

OC Housing and Community Development, a Division of OC Community Resources, administers the Urban County's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs as well as the recently awarded CDBG-CV1, CDBG-CV3, ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2 funds and HOME-ARP funding.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

As part of the Consolidated Plan development, the Urban County of Orange undertook an extensive outreach program to consult and coordinate nonprofit agencies, affordable housing providers, and government agencies regarding the needs of the low- and moderate-income community. The outreach program was summarized in the Executive Summary and Citizen Participation sections of the Consolidated Plan. Comments received and results of the survey were summarized in Appendix A to the Consolidated Plan.

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

To outreach to various agencies and organizations, the Urban County compiled an outreach list consisting of 311 agencies, including:

- Nonprofit service providers that cater to the needs of low- and moderate-income households and persons with special needs, including persons with disabilities;
- Affordable housing providers;
- Housing advocates;
- Housing professionals;
- Public agencies (such as school districts, health services, public works);
- Economic development and employment organizations; and
- Community and neighborhood groups.

These agencies were mailed notices of the Urban County's Consolidated Plan process and public meetings and specific agencies were also contacted to obtain data in preparation of the Consolidated Plan. For example, the State Developmental Services Department and State Social Services Department were contacted to obtain data and housing resources for persons with disabilities.

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 homeless ness.

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Coordination with the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) is managed by the County of Orange (County), Office of Care Coordination which serves as the Administrative Entity to the CoC. The Office of Care Coordination serves as the regional facilitator of the annual CoC planning process and provides ongoing information and support to the public and private agencies that make up the Orange County System of Care to address homelessness in the community. The Office of Care Coordination also provides support to the Orange County CoC governing body through policy planning, coordination of funding resources, collective analysis of systemwide data, and strategizing effective performance measures and goals to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

In addition, the County is the designated lead for the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which works with the CoC to facilitate the coordination and management of resources and services to effectively connect people in need to interventions that best resolves their housing crisis. The process helps to prioritize the most vulnerable persons with the highest need in the community to ensure that they receive housing and supportive services in an equitable and timely manner. CES policies are currently undergoing review and analysis to promote equitable access to services, including the development of prioritization schemes and assessment processes that promote accessibility and efficiency within the CES, revising and enhancing the existing CES maps and providing a narrative process for navigation purposes, and providing continuous support and training materials to incorporate problem-solving and diversion initiatives through CES.

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.

As the Orange County CoC collaborative applicant and Administrative Entity, the County of Orange (County) works closely with ESG recipient jurisdictions in the region (i.e. Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana) to discuss ESG regulations and to plan for the allocation of ESG funds through the following ways:

- Support of federal and local goals for priority populations;
- Coordination across regional entitlement jurisdictions by developing and utilizing standardized eligibility and assessment tools;
- Compliance with new eligibility and verification requirements (HMIS, housing status, homeless definitions, etc.);
- Allow for variations in the program design that responds to the needs of the jurisdiction and leveraging of existing resources; and
- Review of policies and procedures that will promote equitable provision of services.

Additionally, the County consults with the Office of Care Coordination as the Continuum of Care administrator of the allocation of ESG funding.

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The County requires all public service projects and activities providing services to homeless individuals and/or families to actively participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The County and the Orange County CoC also prioritizes accurate and timely data collection and analysis across the System of Care through HMIS policies and subcommittees dedicated to ensuring that interventions are effective for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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

On June 30, 2020, the Project Homekey Program grant funding was announced by the State of California Housing and Community Development as the second phase in response to COVID-19. Project Homekey provided funding to acquire and rehabilitate different housing types such as hotels and motels, vacant apartments, adult residential facilities and other creative solutions for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and impacted by COVID-19. The County saw this as an opportunity to provide vital resources to the community in the form of interim housing with eventual conversion to permanent supportive housing. The County, in collaboration with the City of Stanton and Jamboree Housing, acquired two hotel sites for development: the Stanton Inn, a 72-unit motel and the Tahiti Motel, a 60-unit motel which both quickly opened to support the need for non-congregate shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. Property operations and services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week provided by the Jamboree Housing site operator, American Family Housing and includes site security, supportive services, meals, janitorial services, linkages to community resources, support to increase participant income and receive mainstream benefits, staff support for permanent housing options, linkages to CalOptima benefits and behavioral health clinics. Since November 2020, the Homekey sites have served 219 unique clients and will continue until they are developed into permanent supportive housing programs.

J2. 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	Abrazar, Inc.			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing			
		Services-Children			
		Services-Elderly Persons			
		Services-Persons with Disabilities			
		Services-Health			
		Services-Education			
		Services-Employment			
		Senior Transportation			
		Neighborhood Organization			
		Continuum of Care/Office of Care Coordination			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment			
	Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The Non-Profit was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draf			
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on			
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	developing the plans.			
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF BREA			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Public Facilities & Infrastructure			
	Consultation?				
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual			
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on			
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in			
		the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community			
		Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold			
		at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.			

3	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CYPRESS		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities & Infrastructure		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.		
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.		
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.		
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.		
7	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure		

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.			
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Public Facilities and Infrastructure			
	Consultation?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft			
	Briefly describe how the	Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input			
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to			
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to			
	areas for improved coordinations	publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.			
9	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SEAL BEACH			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual			
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on			
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community			
		Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold			
		at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.			

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10	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OC		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A range of "no-cost" fair housing services provided to eligible clientele throughout the County's Urban County program areas that are victimized and affected by illegal housing practices were evaluated and have been included in the document.		
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Orange County Housing Authority		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County		

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	Non-Homeless Special Needs The Orange County Housing Authority was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans.		
12	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Dana Point		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.		
13	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Villa Park		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure		

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF STANTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was sent the Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the draft Annual Action Plan was posted on our website for review and provide input on developing the plans. Each Cooperating City was encouraged to participate in the Citizen Participation Process. Cities submitting applications for Community Planning and Development grant funds are required to publicly notice and hold at least one public meeting to discuss the proposed use of these funds.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Investment Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Employment
	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?

In collaboration with the County's Workforce Investment Board (OCWIB), the County will continue to offer outreach and training to poverty level families and individuals. Through the CoC system, the County will work with the OCWIB jobtraining providers to ensure that low- and moderate-income persons are trained with employable skills with the potential to earn higher wages.

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

The Urban County contacted all participating cities and published on County's website for public review.

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?
Continuous of Cons	1104	Potential funding allocations to address homeless needs will complement the
Continuum of Care	HCA	CoC Strategy.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen participation is one of the most important components of the Consolidated Plan process. To solicit public input during the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Urban County conducted four Community Workshops and three Focus Group Workshops for local housing and services providers. The Urban County also administered a Housing and Community Development Needs Survey.

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing was held on December 7, 2021, before the Board of Supervisor for the adoption of the FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy & Process and the adoption of the FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan is projected to be held on April 26, 2022.

Public Review of Draft Documents: A 30-day public review was held from October 22, 2021 through November 24, 2021 for the FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy and Process and will be held from March 18, 2022 to April 17, 2022 for the FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan. The Final approved FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan is due to HUD by May 15, 2022. The final Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, amendments to the Plan, Funding Allocation Policy & Process and annual performance reports are available for five years at the County Government Offices.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr	Target of Outr	Summary of response/atten	Summary of comments rec	Summary of com ments not	URL (If applicable)
		Cusi.	dance	eived	accepted and reasons	
1	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish and Vietnamese Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broa d community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Public Notices and FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy and Process and FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan was posted on the County's website for public review.	No comments were received on the FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy & Process.	The County invites and accepts all comments.	http://occommunityservices.org/hcd/community/

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/atten dance	Summary of comments rec eived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish and Vietnamese Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broa d community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Public notices were published in the OC Register, Unidos (Spanish) and Nguoi Viet (Vietnamese) for FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy & Process on October 22, 2021. FY 2021- 22 Annual Action Plan was published on March 18, 2022 in the OC Register, LA Opinion (Spanish), Nguoi Viet (Vietnamese).	No comments were received on the FY 2021-22 Funding Allocation Policy & Process.	The County invites and accepts all comments.	

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/atten dance	Summary of comments rec eived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	A public hearing was held at the Orange County Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2021 for the FY 2022-23 Funding Allocation Policy & Process outlining the proposed funding process and policies for the distribution of Federal funds and is current schedule on April 26, 2022 for the adoption of the FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan.	No comments were received on the FY 2021-22 Funding Allocation Policy & Process.	The County invites and accepts all comments.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

A number of housing and community development resources are currently available in the Urban County area. They include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
- First Round of CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV1
- Third Round of CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV3)
- Emergency Solutions grant (ESG) funds
- Second round of ESG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Cares Act) (ESG-CV2)
- State Emergency Solutions grant (ESG) funds
- General funds
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds
- HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (through Orange County Housing Authority)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (through the County Community Investment

division)

- California Housing Finance Agency funds (CALHFA) (multiple housing programs)
- State Housing and Community Development (HCD) housing funds (multiple housing programs)
- State transportation funds
- Mental Health Services Act/
- HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (ARP)



Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	ected Amoun	t Available Ye	ear 2	Expected	Narrative
	of Funds		Annual Allocation:	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources:	Total: \$	Amount Available	Description
			\$		\$		Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public	Acquisition						The
	-	Admin and						balance of
	federal	Planning						CDBG
		Economic						funds
		Development						available
		Housing						over the
		Public						planning
		Improvements						period is
		Public						based on
		Services						allocations
								for FY
								2022,
								estimated
								program
								income
								and funds
								carried
								over from
								prior
								years.
								This
								amount
								does not
								include
								amounts
								leveraged
								from sub-
			\$3,515,527	\$40,000	\$87,006	\$3,642,533	0	recipients.

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	ected Amoun	ar 2	Expected	Narrative	
	of		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	Description
	Funds		Allocation:	Income: \$	Resources:	\$	Available	
			\$		\$		Remainder of ConPlan	
							\$	
HOME	public	Acquisition					-	The
	-	Homebuyer						estimated
	federal	assistance						amount of
		Homeowner						HOME
		rehab						funds
		Multifamily						available
		rental new						over the
		construction						planning
		Multifamily						period is
		rental rehab						based on
		New						allocations
		construction						for FY
		for ownership						2022 and
		TBRA						estimated
								program
								income,
								excluding
								funds
								carried
								over from
								prior
			\$1,384,437	\$135,000		\$1,519,437	0	years.

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2			Expected	Narrative	
	of		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	Description
	Funds		Allocation:	Income: \$	Resources:	\$	Available	
			\$		\$		Remainder of ConPlan	
							\$	
ESG	public	Conversion					•	The
	-	and rehab for						amount of
	federal	transitional						ESG funds
		housing						available
		Financial						over the
		Assistance						planning
		Overnight						period is
		shelter						based on
		Rapid re-						allocations
		housing						for FY
		(rental						2022,
		assistance)						excluding
		Rental						funds
		Assistance						carried
		Services						over from
		Transitional						prior
		housing and						years.
		HMIS Data						
		research and						
		input	\$224,136	0	0	\$224,136	0	

Program	Source	ource Uses of		Expected Amount			
	of Funds	Funds	Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Available Remainder of ConPlan \$
CDBG- CV3	public – federal		\$0	\$0	\$3,784,787	\$3,784,787	\$0
ESG-	public				\$458,320	458,320	
CV1&2	federal						
					\$4,243,107	\$4,243,107	

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

A number of housing and community development resources are currently available in the Urban County area. They include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds

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- State Emergency Solutions (ESG) funds
- General funds
- HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (through the Orange County Housing Authority)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (through the County Community Investment Division)
- California Housing Finance Agency funds (CalHFA) (multiple housing programs)
- State Housing and Community Development (HCD) housing funds (multiple housing programs)
- State transportation funds
- Mental Health Services Act
- HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (ARP)

For CDBG Public Facilities and Improvements Projects, Subrecipients are required to match funds if the project funding amount requested is over \$150,000, with a maximum request of \$350,000 with a 20% match.

HOME funds are matched through leveraged funding in affordable housing projects. ESG funds are matched through leverage of local resources

See discussion above.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Expand Affordable	2020	2024	Affordable		Expand Affordable	CDBG:	Facade treatment/business building
	Housing			Housing		Housing	\$984,850	rehabilitation: up to 5 Businesses
	Opportunities					Opportunities		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated:
								106;
							HOME:	HOME funds will be used in the
							\$1,367,493	following year for TBRA and
								permanent supportive housing.
2	Enhance Quality of	2020	2024	Affordable		Enhance Quality	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Life			Housing		of Life	\$1,410,836	Activities other than Low/Moderate
				Non-Housing				Income Housing Benefit: 34,584
				Community				Persons Assisted
				Development				
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless		Public Services	CDBG:	Public service activities other than
				Non-Homeless			\$535,743	Low/Moderate Income Housing
				Special Needs			ESG:	Benefit: 4279 Persons Assisted
							\$207,325	Rapid Rehousing: 8 Households
								Assisted; Homeless Person
								Overnight Shelter: 1634 Persons
								Assisted

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
4	Planning and	2020	2024	Administration			CDBG:	
	Administration						\$711,104	
							HOME:	
							\$151,944	
							ESG:	
							\$16,810	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Enhance Quality of Life
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This plan outlines the action steps that the County of Orange will use to address housing and community development needs in the Orange Urban County. The plan includes a listing of activities that the County may undertake during FY 2022-23 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) that utilize CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. For FY 2022, the County has a combined CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocation of \$5,386,105 including program income and prior year resources for CDBG. All proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. Funds less than \$100,000 from participating subrecipients by either project or administration that are not completely expended, will be kept by the County of Orange for reprogramming purposes.

The County of Orange submitted substantial amendments to HUD for approval to amend FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan to allow for the Use of HOME-ARP funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	County's Emergency Shelters (CDBG)
2	County's Emergency Shelters (ESG)
3	City of Laguna Beach ASL Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (Laguna Beach)
4	Midway City Community Services and Education Center (Abrazar)
5	Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation (Brea)
6	Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program (Cypress)
7	Leisure World Bathroom Accessibility Program (Seal Beach)
8	Safe Homes for OC Seniors (County)
9	Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements Project Phase VI (Laguna Woods)
10	Sterns Park Improvement Project (Los Alamitos)
11	Brea Senior Center Improvement Study (Brea)
12	Community Center Improvements (County of Orange)
13	Placentia Hope Project (Colette's)
14	Administration (CDBG)
15	Administration (ESG)
16	Administration (HOME)
17	Fair Housing Education, Counseling and Enforcement (Fair Housing)
18	Affordable Housing – (HOME)

#	Project Name					
19	Administration (Placentia)					
20	Administration County (Placentia)					
21	Public Services - Neighborhood Services (Placentia)					
22	Public Services - Senior Services (Placentia)					
23	Housing Rehabilitation - SFR (Placentia)					
24	Facade Improvement Program (Placentia)					
25	Neighborhood Facility Improvements - PF&I (Placentia)					
26	Administration (Yorba Linda)					
27	Administration County (Yorba Linda)					
28	Public Services (Yorba Linda)					
29	Neighborhood Improvement Program HR-SFR (Yorba Linda)					
30	ADA Improvements Pubic Facility PF&I (Yorba Linda)					

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The funding priorities are the same as outlined in the Funding Allocation Policy and Process.

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Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	County's Emergency Shelters (CDBG)				
	Target Area	County of Orange				
	Goals Supported	Public Services				
	Needs Addressed	Public Services				
	Funding	CDBG: \$233,168				
	Description	Funds will be used to provide essential service, operations, emergency shelter, showers and meals for homeless clients.				
	Target Date	6/30/2023				
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 610 homeless person are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.				
	Location Description	Shelters in Orange County, CA				
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide essential service, operations, emergency shelter, showers and meals for homeless clients.				
2	Project Name	County's Emergency Shelters (ESG)				
	Target Area	County of Orange				
	Goals Supported	Public Services				
	Needs Addressed	Public Services				
	Funding	ESG: \$124,395 Essential Services; \$62,197 Rapid Rehousing; \$20,733 HMIS; Other Local Funds \$50,000				
	Description	Funds will be used to provide essential services, operations, emergency shelter, showers, and meals for homeless clients, rapid rehousing, data research and input and administration of HUD-sponsored Urban County programs.				
	Target Date	6/30/2023				

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 462 homeless persons will be assisted through emergency shelter and 8 households through rapid rehousing
	Location Description	Shelters in Orange County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide essential services, operations, emergency shelter, showers, and meals for homeless clients, rapid rehousing, data research and input and administration.
3	Project Name	City of Laguna Beach ASL Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
	Target Area	Laguna Beach
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,326
	Description	Funds will be used to provide emergency shelter for 45 homeless individuals from the City of Laguna Beach and surrounding cities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 45 person are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	The emergency shelter called the Alternative Sleeping Location located at 20652 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide transportation to and from the emergency shelter for 45 homeless individuals from the City of Laguna Beach and surrounding cities along with essential services, meals and casework for the individuals.
4	Project Name	Midway City Community Services and Education Center
	Target Area	Midway City
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$64,470
	Description	Funds will be used to provide social services programming at the Community Center. Abrazar, Inc. will be responsible for delivery of continuous support of social services programs for residents within the immediate neighborhoods. Services provided include educational, recreational, and cultural programming, transportation, senior citizen programming, employment, health and medical information and referrals.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,200 person are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	The Community Center is located at 14900 Park Ln, Midway City, CA.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide social services programming at the Community Center. Abrazar, Inc. will be responsible for delivery of continuous support of social services programs for residents within the immediate neighborhoods. Services include educational, recreational, and cultural programming, transportation, senior citizen programming, employment, health and medical information and referrals.
5	Project Name	Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation (Brea)
	Target Area	Brea
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$198,750
	Description	Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of single-family low or very-low-income owner-occupied residences. Improvements will include interior and exterior improvements to homes and mobile home units.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number	An estimated 10 households are expected to benefit from the proposed
	and type of families that will benefit from	activity.
	the proposed	
	activities	
	Location Description	City of Brea
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of single-family low or very-low-income owner-occupied residences. Improvements will include interior and exterior improvements to homes and mobile home units.
6	Project Name	Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program (Cypress)
	Target Area	Cypress
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$169,600
	Description	Funds will be used to support the Home Enhancement Program or HELP II, which provides forgivable loans up to \$20,000 to income eligible homeowners in order to assist them with home improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number	An estimated five (5) households are expected to benefit from the
	and type of families	proposed activity.
	that will benefit from the proposed	
	activities	
	Location Description	City of Cypress
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the Home Enhancement Program or HELP
		II, which provides forgivable loans up to \$20,000 to income eligible
		homeowners in order to assist them with home improvements.
7	Project Name	Leisure World Bathroom Accessibility Program (Seal Beach)
	Target Area	Seal Beach
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$212,000

	Description	Funds will be used to provide grants to income qualified, disabled seniors to improve bathroom accessibility and safety by converting the tub/shower into an accessible shower stall.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 55 households are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	City of Seal Beach Leisure World
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide grants to income qualified, disabled seniors to improve bathroom accessibility and safety by converting the tub/shower into an accessible shower stall.
8	Project Name	Safe Homes for OC Seniors
	Target Area	County of Orange
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$212,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide Grants to income qualified seniors in Unincorporated areas throughout the County,
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10 households are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	County of Orange
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide grants to income qualified, disabled seniors to improve bathroom accessibility and safety by converting the tub/shower into an accessible shower stall.
9	Project Name	Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements Project Phase VI (Laguna Woods)
	Target Area	Laguna Woods
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life

	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$371,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the reconstruction of 18 curb ramps to comply with ADA requirements, sidewalk lifts and adjustments needed on Moulton Parkway.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10,770 people are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the reconstruction curb ramps to comply with ADA requirements, sidewalk lifts and adjustments needed on Moulton Parkway.
10	Project Name	Sterns Park Improvement Project (Los Alamitos)
	Target Area	Los Alamitos
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$371,000
	Description	Funds will be used for ADA and play equipment Improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 5,274 people are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	City of Los Alamitos
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for removal and replacement of sections of asphalt concrete and grind and overlay all on Noel Street in the Apartment Row neighborhood from Katella Avenue to Farquhar Avenue.
	Project Name	Brea Senior Center Improvement Study

11	Target Area	City of Brea
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG \$79,500
	Description	Funds will be used to improve the center and the grounds
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1 Senior Facility.
	Location Description	500 Sievers Ave, Brea
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to conduct a study of improves to the center
12	Project Name	Community Center Improvements
	Target Area	Midway City Community Center
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$212,000
	Description	Community Center Improvements
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1200
	Location Description	14900 Park Lane , Midway City (owned by the County)
	Planned Activities	Community Center Improvements
13	Project Name	Placentia Hope Project
	Target Area	Colette's Children's Home
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life

	Funding	CDBG: 371,000
	Description	Add 2 units to existing garage structure
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1038 Cypress, Placentia
	Planned Activities	Construct 2 units above existing garages
14	Project Name	Administration (CDBG)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$ \$523,952
	Description	CDBG Program Income: \$8,000 Funds will be utilized for administration of CDBG HUD-sponsored Urban County programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of CDBG HUD-sponsored Urban County programs.
15	Project Name	Administration (ESG)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life

	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	ESG: \$16,810
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of ESG HUD-sponsored Urban County program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of ESG HUD-sponsored Urban County program.
16	Project Name	Administration (HOME)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$138,444 HOME Program Income: \$13,500
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of HOME HUD-sponsored Urban County program.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of HOME HUD-sponsored Urban County program.
17	Project Name	Fair Housing Education, Counseling and Enforcement (Fair Housing)
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide housing education, community events, counseling, enforcement, and landlord/tenant counseling. This will also include funding for a fair housing contractor or consultant to create the Analysis of Impediments for FY2020-24.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 2,325 people are expected to benefit from the activity.
	Location Description	Fair Housing Council of Orange County located at 2021 E 4 th St, Santa Ana.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide housing education, community events, counseling, enforcement, and landlord/tenant counseling and updated to the FY2020-24 Analysis of Impediments for urban county cities.
18	Project Name	Affordable Housing - HOME
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$1,245,993 HOME Program Income: \$121,500
	Description	Funds will be used for affordable housing development opportunities. This does not include carryover funds.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HOME funds may be utilized to assist in the development of up to 20 affordable rental housing units and up to 100 households with tenant-based rental assistance.
	Location Description	Throughout Orange County

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for affordable housing development opportunities.
19	Project Name	Administration City (Placentia)
		Administration city (Fracentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,723
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of the City of Placentia HUD sponsored programs including 5 projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration of the City of Placentia HUD sponsored programs.
20	Project Name	Administration County (Placentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,723
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of the Contract for the City of Placentia HUD-sponsored programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of the Contract for the City of Placentia HUD-sponsored programs.

21	Project Name	Public Services - Neighborhood Services (Placentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the operations and support staff on the Neighborhood Services Division for various food distribution programs and coordinating services for low income residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 800 low income people are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Family Resource Center 900 S. Melrose, Placentia
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the operations and support staff on the Neighborhood Services Division for various food distribution programs and coordinating services for low income residents.
22	Project Name	Public Services - Senior Services (Placentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the operations and support staff at the Senior Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 450 seniors are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Senior Center 143 S. Bradford Ave, Placentia

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the operations and support staff at the Senior Center.
23	Project Name	Facade Improvement Program (Placentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used for facade improvements for up to 1 - 5 businesses.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1 - 5 businesses are expected to benefit from the activity.
	Location Description	City of Placentia
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for façade improvements for up to 1 - 5 businesses.
24	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation - SFR (Placentia)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,500
	Description	Funds will be used for rehabilitation grants for single family and mobile homes.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 4 - 5 single family/mobile homes units will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	City of Placentia
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for rehabilitation grants for single family and mobile homes.

25	Project Name	Neighborhood Facility Improvements - Whitten Community Center parking lot PF&I
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,291
	Description	Funds will be used for improvements for Parking lot and ADA improvements
	Target Date	6/3/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 500 people is expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	in Placentia, CA
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for improvements to public facility.
26	Project Name	Administration City (Yorba Linda)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,853
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of the City of Yorba Linda HUD-sponsored programs including 3 projects)
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of the City of Yorba Linda HUD-sponsored programs.

27	Project Name	Administration County (Yorba Linda)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,853
	Description	Funds will be utilized for administration of the Contracts for the City of Yorba Linda HUD-sponsored programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administration of the Contracts for the City of Yorba Linda HUD-sponsored programs.
28	Project Name	Public Services - Senior Nutrition Program (Yorba Linda)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,779
	Description	Funds will be used to provide a Senior Nutrition Program. The program provides nutritious meals for low to moderate income senior citizens or disabled persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 unduplicated seniors and disabled are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Yorba Linda Community Center located at 4501 Casa Loma Ave, Yorba Linda.

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for operational costs associated with the daily senior lunch program held at the Yorba Linda Community Center.
29	Project Name	Neighborhood Improvement Program - SFR (Yorba Linda)
	Target Area	The grade map of the m
	Goals Supported	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
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	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide rehabilitation grants to qualified homeowners for general property improvements and repairs to meet local codes, standards and ordinances.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 17 homeowners are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	City of Yorba Linda
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide rehabilitation grants to qualified homeowners for general property improvements and repairs to meet local codes, standards and ordinances.
30	Project Name	ADA Improvements - Public Facility (Yorba Linda)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Life
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,045
	Description	Funds will be used to address ADA compliance in public buildings, parks and parking lots throughout the City
	Target Date	6/30/2023

t t	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 16,884 people are expected to benefit from the proposed activity.
ı	Location Description	Public buildings, parks and parking lot in the City of Yorba Linda.
ı	Planned Activities	ADA Improvements to public buildings, parks and parking lots in City of Yorba Linda.



AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The "Urban County" of Orange is comprised of 12 cities with populations under 50,000 (participating cities), two "Metro" cities —Placentia and Yorba Linda — with populations over 50,000, and the unincorporated areas of Orange County. The 12 participating cities include Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, La Palma, Los Alamitos, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton, and Villa Park. With populations over 50,000, Placentia and Yorba Linda are eligible to participate in the CPD programs as entitlement jurisdictions and receive funding directly from HUD. However, these cities have elected to join the Urban County for the overall implementation of these programs.

Currently, the County uses a competitive funding application process to distribute CDBG funds. Individual participating cities and County departments are required to submit applications for funding. OC Housing and Community Development works with an Evaluation Committee to rank each application. The Committee ranks the applications according to the Consolidated Plan priorities, urgency of needs, readiness of projects, experience of program/project administrators, and cost-effectiveness. The committee consists of an evaluation team comprised of professionals knowledgeable about community development, community services, and housing activities. Many factors, such as the administrative burden of the program, the number of eligible census block groups, annexations, and population growth in the participating cities, weigh into the analysis of the most efficient and effective way to distribute CPD funds to meet the high-priority activities outlined in this Annual Action Plan.

The competitive basis for funding distribution has the advantage of flexibly dealing with the changing needs and geographic disparities in terms of needs and resources. Using this method, the County is able to devote resources to communities where the needs are most urgent and extensive.

CDBG program funds will be distributed and expended based on program criteria. Housing rehabilitation programs will be provided on a citywide basis in each participating city and in the unincorporated County areas based on low- and moderate-income qualified residents. Supportive services will be available throughout the Urban County to low- and moderate-income residents and persons with special needs. Public and infrastructure improvements will be located primarily in the Urban County's low- and moderate-income areas. HOME funds will be distributed to those projects that meet priority needs and meet other underwriting factors that indicate a strong probability the project will come to fruition. ESG funds will be awarded to projects that will best serve the priority needs of homeless individuals and families and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Urban County has not established geographic target areas for expending funds.

Discussion

See discussion above.



Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Orange Urban County plans to utilize CDBG and HOME funds to support a number of authorized housing activities, including various residential rehabilitation programs and an affordable housing development program. HOME funds may be allocated to assist in the development of affordable rental units for households experiencing homelessness and tenant based rental assistance. Although HOME funds are committed to a number of affordable housing projects.

In 2020, the County, in collaboration with the City of Stanton and Jamboree Housing, acquired two motel sites located in the Orange Urban County for development: the Stanton Inn and Suites, a 72-unit motel and the Tahiti Motel, a 60-unit motel, which both quickly opened to support the need for non-congregate shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. These two properties are currently being converted to permanent housing with an anticipated completion date of December 2023 and will contribute a total of 130 supportive housing units to the Orange Urban County.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to	be Supported
Homeless	120
Non-Homeless	106
Special-Needs	0
Total	226

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	100
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	106
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	206

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

Discussion

See discussion above.



AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The public housing needs of Urban Orange County residents are met by the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), a division within Orange County Community Resources/OC Homeless, Housing and Community Development.

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

There are no public housing projects in the Urban County program.

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

There are no public housing projects in the Urban County program.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

See discussions above.

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

Factors contributing to the increase in homelessness in Orange County include a lack of housing affordable for extremely low-, low- and moderate-income households, increases in the number of persons whose income falls below the poverty level, reductions in subsidies to the poor, histories of drug/alcohol use, and the de-institutionalization of facilities for those with mental illness. The recent housing market and economic conditions have also resulted in some families and individuals facing homelessness due to foreclosures, unemployment, and/or underemployment.

With the implementation of Coordinated Entry System, the Orange County community has identified the lack of affordable housing in the area as the largest challenge to housing those experiencing chronic homelessness. When housing is found in the private market, it often has requirements that are challenging for those experiencing homelessness to meet, such as background checks. Many landlords and owners have policies that deny tenancy to individuals with felonies or other criminal backgrounds. Unfortunately, many of the individuals experiencing chronic homelessness have criminal backgrounds that make it challenging to obtain housing and therefore wait longer periods of times to be housed.

People experiencing homelessness in Orange County are diverse: they are young and old, men and women, chronic and newly homeless, adult only households or in families (households with minor children). Despite their differences, each person experiencing homelessness is in need of safe and permanent housing. The County of Orange recognizes that fully engaging in efforts to end homelessness requires a deeply involved community and accurate information. Based on the findings from the 2019 Orange County Point-In-Times Count and Survey, a total of 6,860 persons are experiencing homelessness on any given night. This represents an increase of roughly 43% from the 2017 PIT Count (or an increase of 2,068 individuals); however, it is important to recognize that there was a change in methodology between the two Point in Time Counts. The County of Orange did not conduct a full Pont In Time Count in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in an effort to safeguard the health of the vulnerable people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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

The goals include reaching out to persons experiencing homelessness (especially unsheltered homelessness) and assessing their individual needs, which includes a year-round emergency

shelter/services and deploying resources to place people experiencing homelessness in permanent supportive housing.

Since 1998, the County of Orange (County) has had a comprehensive, coordinated, and regional Continuum of Care strategy that includes participation of all 34 cities in Orange County, County Departments, the County's homeless housing and service providers, and other community groups, including non-profits, local governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, the homeless and formerly homeless, interested business leaders, schools and other stakeholders to identify the gaps and unmet needs of the persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County. Homeless needs and priorities continue to be identified through the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) system. All CoC committees and subcommittees are public and inclusive to participation of all stakeholders including homeless and formerly homeless individuals. In addition, the CoC consults with and engages homeless individuals to participate in the Point-in-Time Count and Survey of the homeless and the various committees and subcommittees of the CoC to address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons. Most recently, the Orange County CoC established a Lived Experience Advisory Committee to ensure that the voices and perspectives of individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness are heard and considered in the decision-making process of the CoC Board, and provide a way to share recommendations and feedback on the CoC's programs and services. The CoC aims to build a diverse and inclusive Committee and as such is currently actively recruiting for the membership of the Committee.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County of Orange (County) has allocated \$207,325 in Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and \$233,168 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during FY 2022-23 for essential services, operations, emergency shelter, showers, and meals for individuals experiencing homelessness. The County operates the "Armory Emergency Shelter Program," which allows for the emergency shelter operations of a cold weather shelter for approximately five months out of the year, serving a maximum capacity of 200 individuals nightly at one location.

The County rehabbed a facility at 1000 N. Kraemer Place in Anaheim for use as Year-Round Emergency Shelter with a 200-bed capacity. CDBG funds were allocated to support the rehabilitation of this shelter facility and ongoing operations of the Program. The County also rehabbed a facility at 2229 S. Yale Street in Anaheim for use as Year-Round Emergency Shelter with a 425-bed capacity. However, given the current COVID-19 guidelines these emergency shelters operate at reduced capacity to allow for the implementation of safety and precautionary guidelines that prevent the spread of COVID-19. This facility

replaces the Courtyard Transitional Center which opened in October 2016 and provided 425 emergency shelter beds to single adults, couples and those with pets.

The County also applied to be the Administrative Entity on behalf of the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) for allocation of State ESG funds. This has brought an additional \$1,208,146 of funding to the County to address emergency shelter and rapid rehousing needs of homeless persons.

Most recently, the County was able to open two Homekey Program sites which leverage the resources and efforts of the State in providing a COVID-19 response for those experiencing homelessness who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness due to age and/or underlying health conditions. The two Homekey program sites provide 132 beds of non-congregate shelter.

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 goal of the current model of homeless case management is to move participants towards self-sufficiency and a permanent home. This current system model works well when partnered with a variety of supportive services that can prevent a participant against future experiences of homelessness. In Orange County, a variety of private, federal, state and county-funded programs offer job training courses, childcare, work-appropriate clothing, food bags and/or meals, among other services. Many of these services follow clients through their shelter stay(s), and sometimes even after they have found permanent housing. The variety of non-profit service providers that have formed in Orange County over the last 30 years has meant that many different types of clients can be served simultaneously. Each provider tends to specialize in a particular type of client in order to tailor services effectively. Currently served populations include, but are not limited to families, victims of domestic violence, veterans, men and women experiencing chronic homelessness, individuals with mental health issues and their families, and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and their families.

The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board has committees that focus on the subpopulations such as veteran, families, Transitional Age Youth (TAY) etc. With Coordinated Entry System (CES) there is

additional focus on creating the correct system for the County as well as the subpopulations and their diverse needs.

Historically, the most difficult participants to house are those experiencing chronic homelessness. Most people experiencing chronic homelessness have a disability that requires significant and costly support.

One program that is developing permanent housing units tied to supportive services is the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program. In June 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and filed the Housing Funding Strategy which delineated specific actions needed to achieve the goal of developing 2,700 supportive housing units over a six-year period and approved the MHSA \$70.5 million Permanent Supportive Housing Spending Plan. The \$70.5 million in MHSA is in addition to the \$25 million previously allocated in 2018, for a combined total of \$95.5 million towards the development of supportive housing. In addition to the MHSA Housing Program, other housing and supportive services are provided through the MHSA Community Services and Supports component of the MHSA for clients enrolled in a Full-Service Partnership Program. Participants of these programs must be adults or older adults experiencing serious mental illness or a child or youth experiencing an emotional disturbance. The programs are client and family-driven and provide flexible resources that are tailored to each client's specific needs.

Since the adoption of the Housing Funding Strategy in June 2018, the County has allocated a combined \$25.8 million dollars in HOME, HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME ARP), Orange County Housing Successor Agency (HSA), MHSA and other County funds to promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing for the homeless through a Notice of Funding Availability.

The Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) was also formed in 2019 which is a joint powers authority between the County of Orange and the Cities throughout the County with the purpose of funding housing.

In 2020, the OCHFT awarded funding to assist in development of seven (7) projects that will add a total of 467 rental units. Of those units, 43 will be affordable to extremely low-income person and 40 units are permanent supportive housing units available to previously homeless households. In 2021, the OCHFT awarded funding to assist the development of (6) projects that will add another 434 units, for a total of 901 affordable and supportive housing units.

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.

The most fundamental risk factor for becoming homeless is acute poverty. Orange County has dozens of organizations, both private and public, providing resources to those at risk of homelessness. The solutions to developing a system capable of ensuring that people have the right resources to remain housed generally involve a continued high level of supportive services once an individual or family has been placed in permanent housing.

The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) has developed action plans and is reviewing its structure to ensure it is more effectively creating systems of care that are formally linked and coordinated with the various existing systems such as those listed in the prompt. Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in Orange County has provided a large array of supportive services for those who are homeless or at high-risk of homelessness as well as having a serious mental illness. Supportive services include, but are not limited to, employment services, mentoring, in-home crisis stabilization, education and training, centralized assessment team services, recovery centers, residential treatment, a wellness center, and a transitional age youth discovery program.

The County of Orange was approved through the State of California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on October 24, 2016 for a five-year project to implement the Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot program. WPC is the coordination of physical, behavioral health, and social services in a patient-centered approach with the goals of improved health and well-being through more efficient and effective use of resources for Medi-Cal beneficiaries struggling with homelessness. WPC promotes increased communication between hospital emergency rooms, CalOptima, community clinics, OC Health Care Agency (HCA) Behavioral Health Services and Public Health Services as well as recuperative care providers to improve access and navigation of services for the homeless population. This effort is working in coordination with the shelter system, CoC and Coordinated Entry System.

Discussion

See discussion above

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

Introduction:

The County recognizes that barriers to affordable housing exist and continues to employ strategies to overcome them.

Lack of Affordable Housing Funds: The availability of funding for affordable housing has been severely affected by the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in the State of California.

Environmental Protection: State law (California Environmental Quality Act and California Endangered Species Act) and federal law (National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Endangered Species Act) regulations require environmental review of proposed discretionary projects (e.g., subdivision maps, use permits, etc.). Costs and time delay resulting from the environmental review process are also added to the cost of housing.

Land Use Policies: Housing growth is expected to slow in many South County cities as they reach "build-out" because the trend of higher density housing is not widely accepted in these areas. Homeowners associations and their related CC&Rs, the predominant development form after the 1970s that most of South Orange County was developed under, may also prevent local land use flexibility and the policies necessary to address workforce housing challenges over the long-term.

Planning and Development Fees: Planning and development impact fees, such as for transportation, water, and sewer infrastructure improvements, often add to the overall cost of development.

Permit and Processing Procedures: Builders and developers frequently cite the cost of holding land during the evaluation and review process as a significant factor in the cost of housing. Processing times vary with the complexity of the project. Holding costs associated with delays in processing have been estimated to add between 1.1 percent and 1.8 percent to the cost of a dwelling unit for each month of delay.

State and Federal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages: The State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) expanded the kinds of projects that require the payment of prevailing wages. Prevailing wage adds to the overall cost of development. A prevailing wage must also be paid to laborers when federal funds are used to pay labor costs for any project over \$2,000 or on any multi-family project over eight units. Based on discussions with developers, various prevailing wage requirements typically inflate the development costs by 35 percent.

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

return on residential investment

In January 2009, the Orange County Board of Supervisors amended the Housing Opportunities Overlay Regulations to expand the Overlay to high density multi-family residential districts located along arterial highways. Originally adopted in 2006, the Housing Opportunities Overlay Regulations permit the "byright" development of affordable housing units on commercial, industrial and certain high density residential zoned sites through an administrative approval process. The County has also approved a Zoning Code amendment that allows emergency shelters "by-right" (with no public hearing requirement) in commercial and industrial zoned areas.

The County and participating cities have also worked to address the issues surrounding barriers to affordable housing development through the Housing Element process required by the State of California. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) must review the Housing Element for compliance with State law. Among other things, each jurisdiction's Housing Element is required to identify opportunity sites with land use controls that facilitate affordable housing development. Another key component of HCD review is the extent of government policies that act as barriers to housing development, especially affordable housing development, and the jurisdiction's commitment to eliminating or mitigating the barriers.

Each jurisdiction in California (including all participating cities and the County of Orange) adopts a housing element as a required component of the general plan. The County of Orange 2014-2021 Housing Element was adopted in December 2013. The document includes specific actions to facilitate affordable housing.

In 2018, the County authorized an increase to the 2016 Permanent Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability with an emphasis on developing extremely low-income housing by \$2 million dollars for a total of \$14 million in Orange County Housing Successor Agency funds and Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and added another 50 Project Based VASH Vouchers to the already 200 Project Based Housing Choice and/or VASH Vouchers previously approved. Since then, the County released a 2020 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability and subsequent Addendums allocating up to 357 project-based vouchers and up to a combined \$19.5 million dollars in HOME, HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME ARP), Orange County Housing Successor Agency (HSA), MHSA and other County funds to promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing for the homeless.

OC Housing and Community Development encourages all developers to work closely with local residents and community groups in the development of housing. The County's 2014-21 Housing Element established an action that the County's Affordable Housing Project Manager and OC Housing and Community Development staff will work cooperatively with other governmental agencies, business groups, universities, environmental organizations, housing advocates and the development community

to increase public awareness of the importance of affordable housing to the County's long-term viability.

Discussion: See discussions above.



AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Priority Needs established in the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which form the basis for establishing objectives and outcomes in the FY 2021-22 One-Year Action Plan, are as follows:

One of the greatest challenges in meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income persons is having limited financial resources. The County must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the County's service delivery system. While other goals the County has set are also important, for the purposes of the Consolidated Plan, only those which are anticipated to be funded with CPD funding programs (CDBG, HOME, and ESG) during the five-year planning cycle are indicated to be high priorities. The County utilizes other funding sources to meet goals that are not considered high priority in the Consolidated Plan. The County established priorities for allocating CPD funds based on a number of criteria, including:

- Urgency of needs
- Cost efficiency
- Eligibility of activities/programs
- Availability of other funding sources to address specific needs
- Funding program limitations
- Capacity and authority for implementing actions
- Consistency with countywide goals, policies, and efforts

High Priority

- Expand and preserve the supply of affordable housing to create housing opportunities for lowand moderate-income households and homeless individuals and families
- Strengthen, preserve, and enhance the physical character and quality of life in Orange County's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including the housing stock and public infrastructure and facilities.
- Continue to build the capacity of residents to empower themselves and help strengthen their community, through the funding of needed public services for seniors, the homeless, and those

at risk of homelessness.

Planning and administration.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In addition, in 2019 the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) was formed as a joint power's authority between the County of Orange and cities throughout the county. OCHFT was created for the purpose of funding housing specifically assisting the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income within the County of Orange. There are now 23 active member jurisdictions. They include the County of Orange and the cities of Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, La Habra, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Stanton, Tustin, Westminster. Without this collaborative effort, new funding from the State would not be possible.

This influx of County funds made it possible for OCHFT to be awarded \$4,215,360 in State Local Housing Trust Funds in 2020 to assist in the development of seven (7) projects that will add 467 units and \$4,750,000 in 2021 to assist the development of (6) projects that will add another 434 units, for a total of 901 affordable and supportive housing units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In Orange County, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) follows children with abnormal or high blood lead levels, making home visits to families of affected children to determine the source of lead and provide education about lead poisoning. Program staff also coordinates health care needs; follow-up visits when needed and provides outreach and educational presentations to the community. CLPPP also provides resources to cities with significant number of older housing units to help respond to complaints of deteriorated lead-based paint and other lead-related hazards in residential housing.

The CLPPP's Environmental Health Department is currently working toward:

- Using progressive notification and action to achieve elimination of lead hazards identified during environmental investigations;
- Developing and implementing programs for training of investigation and enforcement agency personnel on identifying and correcting lead hazards in high risk jurisdictions;
- Providing educational materials on renovation and remodeling activities to housing and building departments, for public distribution; and
- Encouraging building departments to incorporate informing about lead-safe work practices into their building permit process (such as attaching renovation pamphlets to building permits) for housing built before 1978.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

OCHA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program provides assisted families an incentive for employment opportunities through its Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The FSS Program participants receive resources and are taught job skills that enable them to gain employment and become self-sufficient.

Furthermore, housing costs often consume a large portion of lower-income households' monthly income. This creates a housing cost burden, leaving less money accessible for other necessities. As such, the County's efforts to create new affordable housing, both permanent and transitional, and rehabilitate existing housing contribute to addressing poverty and homelessness in the County. In addition, to the funding and project-based vouchers, the County has made available for the development of supportive housing. The County approved a Housing Funding Strategy in 2018 for the development of 2,700 units of new supportive housing over the next seven years. The County also approved an MHSA Permanent Supportive Housing Spending Plan in 2018 for allocation of \$70.5 million in MHSA funds for supportive

housing for mental ill.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The institutional structure, through which this Annual Action Plan will be implemented, includes various agencies of County government, participating cities, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. Housing and Community Development has oversight responsibility for the Consolidated Plan/Annual Plan processes including oversight of regulatory requirements such as NEPA, Fair Housing, Section 3, etc. Housing and Community Development is a component of OC Community Resources, which consists of OC Animal Care, OC Community Services, Community Development, OC Parks, and OC Public Libraries.

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

Housing and Community Development is responsible for the administration and compliance of programs and grant management. Housing and Community Development performs audits, compliance, and legal notification procedures required by HUD

Housing and Community Development oversees housing community development activities, such as public infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, community development, preservation and improvement activities, affordable rental housing, homeownership activities through the administration of subrecipient contracts and loans funded through the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and Supportive Housing Grants programs.

The cities of Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Stanton, and Villa Park participate in the County program and are responsible for delivering specific programs and activities in their communities. The cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda are participating as Metro cities and are responsible for delivering specific programs and activities in their communities.

Nonprofit organizations play a vital role in implementing the Annual Action Plan. Nonprofit organizations form a network of resources that address a wide variety of housing and community development needs. These organizations provide a valuable link between the population in need of assistance and the pool of resources available.

Private sector participants may include lending institutions and for-profit development entities. Lending institutions may be the source of low-cost loans for affordable housing and rehabilitation projects. Developers are the primary providers of the housing stock and are encouraged to participate in low-income housing in a variety of ways, including through density bonuses and participation in the Low-

Annual Action Plan 2022 Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Discussion:

See discussions above.



Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following describes other program-specific requirements.

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next		
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0	
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to		
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements		
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		
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1. The amount of urgent need activities	0	
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that		
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive		
period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum		
overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and		
moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 100.0	00%	

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

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

FY 2022-23 HOME funds will be used primarily for the development of affordable housing.

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:

The County had previously provided homebuyer assistance using HOME funds and CDBG funds are used for housing rehabilitation assistance. As a condition of receiving HOME and CDBG grant or loan funds, the County requires the applicant to enter into a covenant agreement that is recorded against the property and runs with the land. The agreement contains a recapture restriction stipulating that during the affordability period if the unit is sold, the grant or loan must be paid in full.

The County offers Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) loans to assist eligible low-income first-time homebuyers on a first-come, first-serve basis to purchase their own decent affordable houses in the unincorporated areas of Orange County and in certain participating Cities within the County. Mortgage Assistance Program loans provide eligible first-time homebuyers part of the purchase price of their home to bridge the gap between the total purchase price of the home and the home buyer's down payment, closing costs and 1st mortgage. Eligible first-time homebuyer's annual income must not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The total sales prices for a HOME funded property shall not exceed (85% of the medium home sales price for Orange County) the maximum HOME purchase price for Orange County. All applicants must attend a homebuyer education workshop offered by a HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency. Borrowers must qualify for and obtain first mortgage loan from a participating lender. Potential homebuyers may obtain additional information the on OC Housing & Community Development website which links to the administrator for the County's MAP Program at www.ochcd.org/housing-development/homeownerprogram.

In accordance with the requirements of the HOME Program (24 CFR Part 92), these properties assisted with HOME funds are subject to affordability restrictions. Since in all cases the County's Mortgage Assistance Program provides HOME direct assistance to eligible first-time home buyers in the form of loans, all homebuyers that receive a MAP loan have received direct HOME assistance. Therefore, the County uses recapture provisions to enforce the HOME affordability requirements in its homebuyer program and does not use resale provisions.

Borrowers must occupy the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence for thirty (30) years from the date the loan is made. Prior to the 30th year, Borrower has the right to prepay the Annual Action Plan 70 outstanding principal amount of the loan plus the simple interest that is due. If Borrower prepays the original amount of the loan plus simple interest, the Deed of Trust and the requirement that Borrowers must occupy the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence will no longer be in effect. In the case of refinance, Borrowers must notify the County of Orange. Borrowers can refinance the loan as long as they do not take cash out when the refinance is completed.

Mortgage Assistance Program loans from the County are deferred loans. This means that Borrowers do not have to make any payments on the loan for 30 years, provided the Borrower owns and occupies the home and does not violate any of the terms of the Mortgage Assistance Program loan. The loan carries a simple interest rate of three percent (3%). Thirty (30) years from the date the loan is made, the Borrower will be required to repay the principal amount of the loan (direct HOME subsidy) plus all accrued interest.

1. 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:

During the thirty-year affordability period, if the Borrower is going to transfer all or any part of the property (either voluntarily through a sale, or involuntarily through a foreclosure or similar transaction), it must notify the County, in advance and in writing and receive the County's written approval. At transfer, the Borrower will be required to repay the loan with the net proceeds of sale/distribution of proceeds at foreclosure. If there are insufficient net proceeds for the County to recapture the loan plus interest, the County will recapture the full amount of net proceeds available and the loan will be considered satisfied. Net proceeds are the sales price of the home minus the first mortgage repayment and any applicable closing costs.

Certain transfers are *not* permitted, including transfers: (i) by a Borrower to an existing spouse or domestic partner who is also an obligor under the Note; (ii) by a Borrower to a spouse or domestic partner where the spouse or domestic partner becomes the co-owner of the Property; (iii) between spouses as part of a marriage dissolution proceeding; (iv) to an existing spouse or domestic partner of Borrower by devise or inheritance following the death of Borrower; (v) by Borrower into an inter vivos trust in which Borrower is the beneficiary; (vi) by deed of trust or imposition of a lien subordinate to the Deed of Trust or (vii) refinance of the First Mortgage or any CalHFA Mortgages, meeting the requirements of Section 11 of the Promissory Note.

Mortgage Assistance Program loans are repaid per the terms of a Promissory Note which is secured by a Deed of Trust. In addition, the County executes a Borrower Disclosure Statement with the

Borrower, in order to convey all the HOME requirements that apply during the affordability period (principal residence, recapture requirements, default).

The County will conduct yearly monitoring to ensure that Borrowers are in compliance with the terms of their Mortgage Assistance Program loan, including, but not limited to, the requirement that Borrowers use the home as their principal place of residence. In the event of noncompliance during the period of affordability by the Borrower under the terms of the Mortgage Assistance Program loan or their First Mortgage loan, the total amount of the Borrower's Mortgage Assistance Program loan and simple interest owed shall immediately become due and payable. Noncompliance occurs when an owner (1) vacates the unit or rents the unit to another household or, (2) sells the home without the County receiving recaptured funds due at time of sale.

In the event of noncompliance with the affordability requirements, or default on any loan terms, all outstanding principal plus simple interest is due and immediately payable. If the Borrower is unable to repay the loan when due, an additional financial penalty may be imposed by the County per the terms of the Borrower's Promissory Note.

2. 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:

This plan does not include use of HOME funds to refinance existing debts for multifamily housing.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(I)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The ESG Written Standards were last approved by the Orange County Continuum of Care (Orange County CoC) in 2019. The approved version is included as an attachment.

The latest draft version of the ESG Written Standards is included as an attachment. The ESG Written Standards will be reviewed and approved by the County of Orange (County) as the Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity to the Santa Ana/Anaheim/Orange County Continuum of Care (Orange County CoC), the Orange County CoC, and local ESG recipients including representatives from the County, City of Anaheim, City of Garden Grove, City of Anaheim, and City of Santa Ana (ESG Collaborative) to finalize the document. The updated ESG Written Standards are expected to be adopted by the CoC Board in June 2022. The County will continue to review and make updates to the ESG Written Standards at least annually, or as needed, to include and refine updated program guidelines, appendices for COVID-19 related policies and procedures, and approved waivers approved by the funding agency. Any adjustments made to the ESG Written Standards will go through a review and approval workflow process to ensure coordination and collaboration of policies, program design and standards that result in positive outcomes and impacts to the community.

Collaboration allows for input on the standards and implementation process developed by organizations that directly provide homelessness and housing services, including Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter services and operations, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. Subrecipients are required to develop and implement written policies and procedures in compliance ESG regulations and program objectives. County and local entitlement jurisdictions will work closely with subrecipients and provide technical assistance to ensure compliance with eligibility and verification requirements for all ESG activities. Additionally, the ESG Collaborative will continue to develop assessment and evaluation tools to standardize monitoring forms and processes and review performance data to ensure the effectiveness of the program design and standards, minimize any duplication of efforts and align with systemwide values and priorities.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Provided are the current standards utilized by subrecipient which also meet HUD requirements. Provisions in the CoC Program interim rule at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) require that CoC's establish a Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System (CES). HUD's primary goals for coordinated entry processes are that assistance be allocated as effectively as possible and that it be easily accessible no matter where or how people present. Most communities lack the resources needed to meet all of the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Managed by the Office of Care Coordination, Orange County operates a coordinated entry system with components for adult-only households and families with minor children. In addition, a by-name registry is maintained for transitional aged youth and veterans.

Annual Action Plan 2022 The County of Orange, Office of Care Coordination, is the lead for CES. OC CES partners with a network of service providers for a no wrong door approach for access to CES, follows a standardized entry protocol and prioritization for placement policy and utilizes a single, standardized assessment tool to screen applicants for available programs throughout Orange County. The current CES policies were approved by the CoC Board on September 11, 2019 - https://www.ochealthinfo.com/sites/hca/files/import/data/files/119100.pdf.

At this time, the CoC has implemented Coordinated Entry for Permanent Supportive Housing, Other Permanent Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelters for Families and Homeless Prevention Assistance.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

As the Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity, the County of Orange (County) collaborates and convenes with the Orange County CoC and local participating cities in prioritizing ESG activities that will best support individuals and families experiencing homelessness, close gaps in services and strategize systemwide performance measures. This includes developing partnerships with various organizations across the CoC, continuous improvement of planning, program implementation and data collection, and promoting programs that demonstrate sustainability for funded projects. The funding for emergency shelter has been established as a high priority regionally.

As the AE, the County subawards are made through a procurement process in accordance with 25 CCR § 8403 and the County of Orange Contract Policy Manual using a Request for Proposal. The procurement process is competitive in selecting subrecipients and consists of adequate public notice, a statement of objectives and requirements, minimum qualification criteria, and evaluation criteria for all proposals. Selection and distribution of grant funds receive CoC Board approval prior to award.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The County of Orange (County), in collaboration with the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, has established the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee functions in an advisory capacity to the CoC Board and works with the County as the Collaborative Applicant to include community-level feedback from individuals with current and past lived experience of homelessness in the review and development of policies, procedures and funding decisions impacting homeless services in Orange County.

As the Advisory Committee convenes on a monthly basis, the County brings policies, processes, and funding opportunities as part of the process of receiving feedback from individuals with lived expertise. If the County is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the County

Annual Action Plan 2022 will consult with the Advisory Committee for feedback and recommendations in the review of policies and services funded under ESG.

